

Company no. 05669208
Charity no. 1126646

Bristol Refugee Rights
Report and Unaudited Financial
Statements
31 March 2026

Bristol Refugee Rights

Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2026

Company number	05669208
Charity number	1126646
Registered office and operational address	Wellspring Settlement 43 Ducie Road Lawrence Hill Bristol BS5 0AX
Trustees	Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Richard Asangmbe Kirill Babeev (Chair) Shamin Baloo Mano Candappa Natasha Carver (Vice Chair) Jugurta Chabane Elise Ford Caroline Jowett-Ive Emma Jukes Henry Logan (Treasurer) Absar Saleh Irene Zikusoka Resigned 3 September 2025 Resigned 18 September 2025 Appointed 8 October 2025, Resigned 17 December 2025 Resigned 11 June 2025 Appointed 8 October 2025 Appointed 8 October 2025
Company secretary	Sally Jones
Chief executive	Danielle Johnson
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester, M60 4EP Cambridge and Counties Bank Charnwood Court New Walk Leicester, LE1 6TE Flagstone 1st Floor, Clareville House 26-27 Oxendon Street London, SW1Y 4EL Charities Aid Foundation (Shawbrook) 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4TA
Independent examiners	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 2nd Floor - South One Castle Park Tower Hill Bristol BS2 0JA

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Chair's report

For the year ended 31 March 2026

This year BRR has become more financially stable, despite the increased challenges in the fundraising landscape and ongoing political and social hostility towards the refugee and asylum seeker sector.

In 2025-26, we supported 1,519 people, with 97% of members feeling heard and supported by BRR. We continued our collaboration with BRASP partners across the city to develop the important work of this strategic alliance, which includes close collaboration on service delivery, ensuring joined-up strategic planning and preventing the duplication of services.

As a result of BRR's stronger finances, we have been able to offer ESOL and creche services this year again. Supported by the Bristol City Council investment, funding for the Advice Service has increased, which prevented closure of this key service in our city. This was made possible alongside the ongoing commitments of existing funders, such as the Oak Foundation and National Lottery.

Meanwhile, overall funding from Trusts and Foundations fell sharply in the year. Support for the Welcome Centres has particularly struggled, with a reduced funding allocation from the Bristol Impact Fund. Our fundraising team will be exploring wider fundraising opportunities such as community giving and individual donors to see how we can keep this asset to the city. Our first ever Welcome Centre opened 20 years ago and is as much needed now as it was then.

Anti-immigration sentiment in the UK continued to manifest through public rallies, co-opting of national flags and symbols, intimidating rhetoric, and hostile asylum and refugee policies. Through it all, the BRR team has continued to show resilience and compassion while working to reduce tensions and divisions in society. Through the Member Voice Project, we continued to build bridges by sharing the stories of people seeking asylum and their experiences of being welcomed and supported by communities.

We have also been fortunate to have new staff and trustees join us in 2025-2026, I welcome them all warmly.

I would like to particularly thank our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication, and their ability to achieve such incredible impact in the face of a tough socio-political climate. I am also grateful to our CEO Danielle Johnson, the Senior Management Team and trustees for their ongoing work which is leading BRR to a place of sustainable strength.

I would like to thank all the supporters and donors, for their continued support and making our work possible.

Kirill Babeev (Cyril)
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Reference and administrative information forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS102.

Structure, governance and management

Organisation

Bristol Refugee Rights was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 9th January 2006, originally under the name Holding Refugees and Human Rights in Mind, and registered as a charity on 11th November 2008.

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, Memorandum and Articles of Association which was last updated at the AGM in October 2022. Governance of BRR is through a Board of Trustees elected by the membership at the AGM. The Board has final legal authority and is responsible for overseeing the operation of the entire charity and its activities. The Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are elected annually and Trustees are elected for a three year term. All new Trustees take part in a formal induction programme and all trustees receive training.

The Board meetings have adapted to support more inclusivity, with formal meetings taking place quarterly (4 times a year) and online deep dives meetings on specific governance topics taking place in between formal meetings (a further 4 times a year). The Board regularly reviews its structure and the individual and corporate responsibilities of Trustees. The Board of Trustees can set up sub-committees (i.e. to deal with detailed finances, personnel issues etc.) but key decisions have to be taken by the full Board and sub-committees have to report back to the Board. A Delegated Responsibility Policy is in place as well as Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for each operating sub-committee. During 2025/26, the following sub-committees existed: Staffing and Finance & Fundraising and Governance & EDI. All sub-committees meet regularly in line with their respective workloads and roles.

Risk review

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Trustees recognise the importance of identifying and putting in place effective arrangements for the management of risk. A Risk Register has been established and has been approved by the Board of Trustees. It is kept under regular review by the Board of Trustees and any changes to risk are reviewed at each Trustees meeting. Financial risks associated with reducing income streams from the government and trust funding has led to the development of a 3 year Income Generation Strategy which plans for and supports the diversification of funding and activities. Where appropriate, controls and procedures have been in place to diminish the risk the charity faces. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The Directors

The Board of Directors, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

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Objectives and activities

Objects of the charity

The charity Objects are as follows:

- 1 To relieve the needs of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants by the provision of information, advice and support;
- 2 To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants and the dependents of persons in those categories;
- 3 To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum and persons with precarious migration status;
- 4 To provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities;
- 5 To advance the education and training of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and their dependants; and
- 6 To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations) by all or any of the following means:
 - relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse;
 - conducting research into human rights issues;
 - educating the public about human rights;
 - raising awareness of human rights issues;
 - promoting public support for human rights; and
 - promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations.

Activities in 2025/26

Please note: rather than using the term service-users, we refer to the asylum seekers and migrants who access our services as 'members', as we believe the term is more inclusive.

During 2025/2026 the organisation delivered services including Advice, Welcome Centre, Pride Without Borders, Complex Needs, support for separated children, and hotel outreach.

Services were delivered by a dedicated staff team, volunteers from the local community and volunteers who were themselves users of BRR's services. All activities were designed and delivered in line with our three aims and ways of working;

- Early Action (in line with our value of Safety);
- Empowerment (in line with our value of Solidarity); and
- Advocacy (in line with our value of Action for Change).

The main activities delivered were:

- **The Advice Service** offered support, information and advice to asylum seekers and others with insecure immigration status as well as receiving requests for advice and referrals from other voluntary and statutory sector partners. The advice team aims to empower service users/members to understand the complex immigration and asylum support systems and to be able to navigate these systems to ensure that they get access to their rights. We focus on using advice to prevent homelessness and destitution. We have provided a weekly advice drop in and worked on the phone and through face to face appointments. The advice service has refined the systems to maximise efficiency and member empowerment, with a tiered system of support.

The Advice team supports members in two key ways:

- a) Empowering members to support themselves - by providing translated information packs and links to existing resources on key issues: the asylum system, asylum support and legal representation.

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- b) Advocacy and direct help - for those who are at risk or face additional barriers, the advice team offers advocacy, which may be one off, several meetings or intensive ongoing work. This is focused primarily for those at risk where they live, with urgent deadlines, those who are not able to look after themselves/ need social workers etc.

Services have been offered through open access support to ensure that asylum seekers and refugees could get the right support at the right time through a mixture of helpline, reception point and drop ins.

- **The Welcome Team** is focused on the holistic needs of asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants. We know that a place of safety and welcome is vital to well-being, as is engaging in activities such as learning, play, exercise and self-care. The Welcome Centre acts as a gateway to service provision, both within BRR and with the wider community. It's the vital first step towards community engagement. This team has provided:
 - A weekly social drop-in with hot meals, games, arts and crafts, haircuts, a sewing table and a helpdesk that supports members with signposting and navigating unfamiliar systems such as access to healthcare, mental health support and more;
 - ESOL assessments, signposting towards educational opportunities, and the co-delivery of an in-house ESOL intensive course with creche facilities;
 - Drop-In visits from external partners such as the University of Bristol and Wellspring Community Hub, Housing partners etc;
 - Outreach to hotel accommodation to support residents with a huge variety of issues including inadequate asylum support, issues around asylum claims, and accessing services. We also have introduced Outreach volunteers who support with general signposting;
 - A newly invigorated focus on reaching those in dispersal accommodation with the view to link those in the margins in with local community organisations; and
 - An array of workshops to support residents to expand their understanding of UK culture, norms, work readiness, healthcare navigation and more.
- **The Specialist Services Team** is focused on those who have a particular set of needs due to a particular set of circumstances, such as their age, their sexuality or gender identity, or having multiple barriers to accessing support. This team has provided:
 - Specialist casework for those in the most complex situations, often those with severe health needs, complex immigration histories, experiences such as domestic violence or problematic drug and alcohol use. Supporting these members to break down the barriers preventing them from accessing the advice and help they need;
 - A fortnightly social space for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers, providing a sense of community and a safe space to talk about personal experiences and learn about issues affecting LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers in the UK;
 - Specialist casework for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers, who face multiple challenges from intersecting identities, for example, fleeing for safety from countries where it is illegal to be LGBTQIA+ but then being placed in shared accommodation with people from those countries. Accessing safe accommodation and casework support are key to safety;

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- Campaigning work around the issue of safety in asylum accommodation for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. We set up a partnership with key stakeholders including MPs, local council officials, charities and mental health services. We are meeting with the Home Office in order to advocate for safer systems and policies. We also delivered training to voluntary sector partners on working with LGBTQ+ asylum seekers, co-designed and co-delivered by our service users. We are also working in partnership with Micro Rainbow, a national charity, to explore the possibility of setting up a specialist safe house for particularly vulnerable LGBTQ+ asylum seekers; and
- Specialist casework for separated child asylum seekers (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children/UASCs). These young people often face particular risks around accommodation and possible exploitation or trafficking.
- **Hardship:** we continued to support asylum seekers and refugees to meet their basic needs including emergency hardship funds.
- **Safeguarding:** our safeguarding team has provided support to families, adults and children; making referrals to statutory services and advocating for their needs to be met. We continued to see very high numbers of separated children (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children) (UASC) presenting at our services, having been told by the Home Office and/or a local authority that they are being treated as adults.
- **Member (service user) participation and leadership** continues to be embedded within BRR. In 2025/26 we ran regular meetings with our Member Voice Group who influenced and shaped services in the following ways:
 - The BRR 5-year Strategic Plan, specifically, Goal 2; Empower and work in solidarity with people with lived experience;
 - Contributed to Bristol City of Sanctuary Strategy through a formal consultation process;
 - Coordinated a member-led response to the increased unsafety amidst far-right sentiment;
 - The group wrote a letter to decision makers and people in power to share their thoughts on the anti-immigration media and policies;
 - Facilitated a meeting with the MP to share their thoughts on the government asylum reforms;
 - The group fed into the formulation of the member evaluation survey;
 - The group inputted into the funding priorities across the sector and for BRR;
 - Suggested priority campaign topics;
 - Planned social trips/activities; and
 - Discussed barriers and accessibility needs for members to access services.
- **Volunteering:** In 2025/26, a team of 118 volunteers supported us in delivering our services, one third of whom were asylum seekers and refugees. Volunteers undertook substantial and meaningful roles within BRR and were integral to the delivery of our services. We provided structured training, supervision and ongoing support to ensure volunteers were appropriately supported in their roles. We also supported member volunteers to undertake opportunities both within BRR and with external partners, enabling them to develop and apply skills, gain experience in the UK employment sector, and strengthen their connections with local communities. During the year, we were awarded the Investors in Volunteers Award, the UK quality standard for good practice in volunteer management.

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- **BRASP:** During 2025/26 The Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership (BRASP) is hosted by Bristol Refugee Rights, and supports the wider sector with collaboration. BRASP has made significant progress in line with its Strategic Plan:
 1. Coordinated services and responses
 - The BRASP-led regional service mapping website was maintained and updated by the BRASP Assistant, providing a key tool for organisations to find up to date information to signpost members. The website lists over 100 services from 20 providers;
 - The BRASP team organised and attended regular forums and networks to coordinate services and enable collective reflection and planning;
 - Responses to anti-migrant activity were facilitated by the BRASP Development Manager, acting as a central liaison point between Police and Local Authority Emergency Response teams to share updates with sector organisations and facilitate sharing of key information such as risk assessments, lockdown procedures, support for staff and volunteers and communication plans; and
 - Shared service leaflets are regularly updated and translated.
 2. Lived experience leadership
 - A peer support network for BRASP staff with lived experience is set up and ongoing, as well as an inclusion fund to remove barriers for lived experience inclusion; and
 - The BRASP team support partners to share best practice and progress with lived experience leadership such as organising a session to share best practice around inclusive recruitment.
 3. Influencing, advocacy and campaigning
 - Campaign priorities for the year were chosen by partners, and then whittled down to one local and one national campaign by surveying 130 members/service users across BRASP. Our local campaign is for free bus travel for asylum seekers and those subject to NRPF/accessing foodbanks, this is now a lived experience led campaign being driven by Bristol City of Sanctuary, with Borderlands, Trauma Foundation South West and Bristol Refugee Rights as supporting partners.
 4. Sharing resources, knowledge and expertise
 - BRASP partners have been able to access shared training organised by the BRASP team on: Safeguarding, anti-racism / unconscious bias, hate crime and discrimination, community organising for campaigning, supporting migrant women with multiple vulnerabilities; and
 - Weekly updates are shared by the BRASP team with sector organisations.
 5. The Partnership
 - Quarterly All Partner meetings took place, where partners reviewed progress against the Strategic Plan, built relationships and shared updates, knowledge and expertise;
 - The BRASP Development Manager contracted external consultants to review services, explore perceived duplication, and explore options to ensure future sustainability of BRASP partner organisations;
 - A decision making policy was developed so that partners have more clarity on how and when decisions about BRASP activities are made; and
 - An external consultant began working with BRASP to develop a clearer monitoring and evaluation framework across the sector.

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Achievements and performance

Bristol Refugee Rights was set up as a voluntary organisation in 2006 to uphold and champion the human rights of asylum seekers and refugees.

Our vision is: A society where refugees, asylum seekers and migrants are welcomed, feel safe, live free of poverty and are able to positively build their lives. A society where everyone's rights and entitlements are respected.

BRR provides services for asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants to:

- have their basic needs met;
- improve their wellbeing;
- have a better understanding of and are better able to navigate the asylum system; and
- remove barriers and empower people to have agency in their lives.

We also campaign more widely for the human rights of refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants with insecure immigration status. We hold IAA accreditation to Level 2 in Asylum and Immigration Law. We are a Living Wage Accredited Employer. We are committed to being an anti-racist organisation and we continue to work to achieve this objective.

- BRR is a place of solidarity and trust;
- Lived experience leadership continues to be at the forefront of BRR's strategy. The organisation is led by a chair with lived experience, and benefits from 36% of staff/volunteers who have lived experience. We continue to prioritise lived experience influence at all levels of the organisation, whilst working to remove barriers;
- BRR prioritises welcome, safety, wellbeing and equality;
- BRR services are holistic; complementary and integrated;
- BRR promotes wellbeing and trauma informed approaches;
- Many BRR services are unique in Bristol: an Advice Service which includes asylum support advice; an LGBTQIA+ group specifically for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants; a complex needs project (CLEAR) which supports those excluded from other services and immigration support for separated children;
- BRR works in partnership; bringing organisations together and working strategically to meet the needs of members and tackle root causes of the problems they face;
- BRR is a founding partner in the Asylum Early Action Charter: an innovative approach to designing and delivering services to help people in the asylum system before they reach crisis; and
- BRR is a founding member of BRASP (Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership) which brings together 14 partners working in the refugee and asylum seeker sector in Bristol.

In 2025/26, Bristol Refugee Rights achieved the following outputs:

- We supported 1,519 people;
- 660 people received support from the Advice Service;
- We supported 728 individuals with housing issues 81% of complex cases were housing;
- We supported 805 different individuals to navigate the immigration system and access legal advice;
- 573 separate individuals were supported with actions to help them access support to improve their mental and physical health;
- 3,280 individual attendances across the Drop-Ins, made up of 864 different people;
- 161 people were supported by our Pride Without Borders Project;
- 445 people were supported by our Hotel Outreach project;

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- 34 different members attended our Member Voice Group making up 96 attendances in total across 10 sessions;
- Over 430 participants on our BRR whatsapp information broadcast group received regular information about services and opportunities, as well as important updates related to seeking asylum and city-wide safety alerts;
- 179 individuals received safeguarding support including 46 separated children who received specialist casework; and
- We supported 259 people who needed emergency destitution support including distributing £6,564 in one-off hardship payments.

We received the following feedback from our surveys:

- 85% have met new people at BRR;
- 82% feel less stressed after attending BRR;
- 96% feel welcomed and supported by the people around them at BRR;
- 97% feel listened to by BRR;
- 95% say BRR has helped them find services or local opportunities;
- 82% feel that BRR has helped them understand their asylum claim better and what to do next;
- 100% feel confident to ask BRR for help with important things; and
- 96% trust the information and advice they get from BRR.

In addition, we achieved the following:

- All individuals we have contacted / who have contacted us have had the option of using an interpreter;
- We supported numerous national campaigns – signing letters, taking action – in particular campaigns to support better access to legal support, the right to work and improved housing models for asylum seekers;
- We have kept up to date with changing policy announcements making sure our teams have the information they need to properly support members. We communicated these changes to our members trying to help make these complex systems as clear and as accessible as possible for our members;
- We continued to embed Early Action principles;
- We have continued to work collaboratively with BRASP partner organisations, particularly in response to protests; and are leading a partnership of 5 BRASP organisations to deliver a project funded through the Bristol Impact Fund;
- We worked with Bristol Law Centre as part of a regional partnership around immigration legal advice (South West Immigration Alliance, SWIA); the partnership has created improved systems for collaborating with regional partners and is working to address the legal advice desert in the South West of England.
- Our 5 year strategy for 2022-2027 was at the heart of what we did and embedded into team work plans;
- We increased the diversity of our staff team including offering 40% of our vacancies to people from a forced migration background, and continue to explore shifting power within the workplace;
- We reviewed our recruitment and selection processes to make them as inclusive as possible, and shared best practice with the wider sector; and
- Good relationships were maintained with funders, and individual supporters.

You can find out more about us on our website: www.bristolrefugeerights.org

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Financial review

In 2025-26 BRR generated funding of £882,145 and spent £952,036. These financial statements therefore show an in year deficit of £69,891. However, if we include funds brought forward in restricted reserves and planned to be spent in 2026/27, the resulting figure is a deficit of £13,314.

Most of our funding came from trusts, foundations, and Bristol City Council, while £119,054 of our funding came from individual donors.

All funding received has been vital in ensuring that we can continue to be here for our members, and we would like to thank all donors and funders for supporting us.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is reviewed at least every 3 years. In 2025/26, the policy was to hold a financial reserve equivalent to 3 months operating costs (excluding costs related to the BRASP partnership which at this time is a fully funded project). This level of reserve was set as it was deemed both reasonably achievable and to be of a sufficient level to ensure continuing operation of the charity, in light of the charity holding a number of multi-year grants.

The budgeted expenditure for 2026/27 is £999,113 and the reserve target is therefore £249,778 in general funds. Our general reserves at the end of March 2026 amounted to £221,969 meaning that this requirement has not been met and we are therefore taking steps to increase our fundraising target to build reserves to a level in line with our policy in 2026-27.

Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Bristol Refugee Rights for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of 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 judgements 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.

Approved by the trustees on 19 August 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Kirill Babeev
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Bristol Refugee Rights

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol Refugee Rights (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 13 to 32.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable 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 charitable 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 the charitable company'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 charitable 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 the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company 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.

William Guy Blake

Date: 20 August 2026

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	636,585	225,848	862,433	962,292
Charitable activities	5	-	3,834	3,834	7,390
Other trading activities	6	-	1,601	1,601	1,464
Investments		-	14,277	14,277	16,419
Total income		<u>636,585</u>	<u>245,560</u>	<u>882,145</u>	<u>987,565</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	76,016	76,016	106,836
Charitable activities		<u>768,506</u>	<u>107,514</u>	<u>876,020</u>	<u>848,876</u>
Total expenditure	8	<u>768,506</u>	<u>183,530</u>	<u>952,036</u>	<u>955,712</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(131,921)	62,030	(69,891)	31,853
Transfers between funds		<u>69,721</u>	<u>(69,721)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	10	(62,200)	(7,691)	(69,891)	31,853
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>224,977</u>	<u>229,660</u>	<u>454,637</u>	<u>422,784</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>162,777</u></u>	<u><u>221,969</u></u>	<u><u>384,746</u></u>	<u><u>454,637</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 18 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2026

	Note	£	2026 £	2025 £
Current assets				
Stock	13	-		500
Debtors	14	7,569		5,189
Current asset investments		309,220		355,463
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>129,611</u>		<u>122,068</u>
		446,400		483,220
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	15	<u>(61,654)</u>		<u>(28,583)</u>
Net current assets			<u>384,746</u>	<u>454,637</u>
Net assets	17		<u>384,746</u>	<u>454,637</u>
Funds	18			
Restricted funds			162,777	224,977
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			-	44,743
General funds			<u>221,969</u>	<u>184,917</u>
Total charity funds			<u>384,746</u>	<u>454,637</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 19 August 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Kirill Babeev - Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	(69,891)	31,853
Adjustments for:		
Dividends and interest from investments	(14,277)	(16,419)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(2,380)	11,405
Decrease / (increase) in stock	500	(500)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	33,071	(7,380)
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	(52,977)	18,959
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends and interest from investments	14,277	16,419
Net cash provided by investing activities	14,277	16,419
(Decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(38,700)	35,378
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	477,531	442,153
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	438,831	477,531
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	129,611	122,068
Current asset investments	309,220	355,463
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	438,831	477,531

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation and general information

Bristol Refugee Rights is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Wellspring Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill, Bristol, BS5 0AX.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Bristol Refugee Rights 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 note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Conduit funding

Conduit funds are monies received for third parties and do not belong to the charity. The incoming funds and outgoing payments are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities. Any conduit funds in hand at the year end are shown as creditors in the accounts.

d) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

e) Donated goods and services

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Interest receivable

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

g) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

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

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Redundancy costs

Where an employee receives a termination benefit the full cost is recognised at the date the employee is notified.

j) Grants payable

Grants payable are recognised as expenditure on the earlier of a) when the charity has a present obligation to transfer resources; and b) when the charity ceases to control the resource (e.g. via transferring funds to the grant recipient).

k) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of direct costs as follows:

	2026	2025
Raising funds	8.0%	11.2%
Charitable activities	92.0%	88.8%

l) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,000.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

m) Debtors

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

n) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

o) Current asset investments

Current asset investments consist of cash held on deposit in interest bearing accounts with a maturity period of 3 months. Such investments are measured at their fair value.

p) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash 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.

q) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

r) Financial instruments

The charitable 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

s) Pension costs

The company operates an independently administered defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

t) Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as they fall due.

u) Accounting estimates and key judgements

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

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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

u) Accounting estimates and key judgements (continued)

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	732,099	230,193	962,292
Charitable activities	-	7,390	7,390
Other trading activities	-	1,464	1,464
Investments	-	16,419	16,419
Total income	732,099	255,466	987,565
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	106,836	106,836
Charitable activities	832,531	16,345	848,876
Total expenditure	832,531	123,181	955,712
Net income / (expenditure)	(100,432)	132,285	31,853
Transfers between funds	147,552	(147,552)	-
Net movement in funds	47,120	(15,267)	31,853

3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2026 Total £
Grants (see note 4)	623,332	114,000	737,332
Subscriptions and donations	13,042	93,034	106,076
Membership fees	-	555	555
Gift aid	211	10,907	11,118
Gifts in kind*	-	7,352	7,352
Total income from donations	636,585	225,848	862,433

*Gifts in kind received during the year relate to the provision of report design and illustration, food donations and office furniture and equipment.

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3. Income from donations (continued)

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Grants (see note 4)	710,472	86,750	797,222
Subscriptions and donations	21,373	119,353	140,726
Membership fees	-	514	514
Gift aid	254	12,876	13,130
Gifts in kind	-	10,700	10,700
Total income from donations	732,099	230,193	962,292

4. Grant income

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2026 Total £
Trusts and Foundations providing grants of £20,000	229,511	100,000	329,511
Public funds including Bristol City Council, The NHS and others	199,797	-	199,797
Lottery Funds	111,108	-	111,108
Trusts and foundations providing grants of less than £20,000	82,916	14,000	96,916
	623,332	114,000	737,332

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Trusts and Foundations providing grants of £20,000	309,923	79,000	388,923
Public funds including Bristol City Council, The NHS and others	164,992	-	164,992
Lottery Funds	180,457	4,743	185,200
Trusts and foundations providing grants of less than £20,000	55,100	3,007	58,107
	710,472	86,750	797,222

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5. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2026 Total £
Training income	-	3,834	3,834
Total income from charitable activities	-	3,834	3,834
Prior period comparative:			2025 Total £
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Early years project - services provided	-	5,470	5,470
Training income	-	1,920	1,920
Total income from charitable activities	-	7,390	7,390

6. Income from other trading activities

	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Rental income	1,601	1,464

All income from other trading activities in the current and prior year was unrestricted.

7. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Somerset County Council and the National Lottery (2025: Bristol City Council). The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2026 was £310,905 (2025: £146,972). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

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8. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support & governance costs £	2026 Total £
Fundraising	7,641	-	-	7,641
Hardship (note 9)	-	6,564	-	6,564
Grants payable (note 9)	-	16,355	-	16,355
Interpreting	-	41,911	-	41,911
Monitoring and evaluation	-	6,598	-	6,598
Office costs	-	5,705	48,263	53,968
Professional fees	-	18,724	8,024	26,748
Room hire	-	11,621	-	11,621
Staff salaries (note 11)	54,493	591,049	47,437	692,979
Training	-	3,632	-	3,632
Catering	-	6,689	-	6,689
Events and trips	-	1,691	-	1,691
Computer and internet	-	-	56,808	56,808
Governance	-	-	4,335	4,335
Insurance	-	-	3,532	3,532
Membership fees	-	-	1,180	1,180
Travel and subsistence	-	5,506	-	5,506
Volunteers expense	-	-	4,278	4,278
Sub-total	62,134	716,045	173,857	952,036
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>13,882</u>	<u>159,975</u>	<u>(173,857)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>76,016</u>	<u>876,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>952,036</u>

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8. Total expenditure (continued) Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support & governance costs £	2025 Total £
Fundraising	5,303	-	401	5,704
Hardship (note 9)	-	15,256	-	15,256
Grants payable (note 9)	-	18,860	-	18,860
Interpreting	22	40,650	-	40,672
Monitoring and evaluation	-	7,735	-	7,735
Office costs	4,609	625	43,161	48,395
Professional fees	29	12,514	6,170	18,713
Room hire	-	16,668	-	16,668
Staff salaries (note 11)	77,178	582,906	50,092	710,176
Training	62	7,990	-	8,052
Catering	-	6,206	-	6,206
Events and trips	296	1,694	-	1,990
Computer and internet	2,084	-	41,286	43,370
Governance	-	-	4,137	4,137
Insurance	-	-	3,215	3,215
Membership fees	-	-	3,504	3,504
Travel and subsistence	-	683	-	683
Volunteers expense	-	-	2,376	2,376
Sub-total	89,583	711,787	154,342	955,712
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>17,253</u>	<u>137,089</u>	<u>(154,342)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>106,836</u>	<u>848,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>955,712</u>

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9. Grants payable

	2026 £	2025 £
<u>Hardship</u>		
Payments to individuals*	<u>6,564</u>	<u>15,256</u>
Total hardship	6,564	15,256
<u>Grants payable to project partners</u>		
Borderlands	1,278	2,805
Ashley Community & Housing	2,555	1,528
Bridges for Communities	1,278	1,528
Bristol City of Sanctuary	1,472	2,805
British Red Cross	2,555	1,528
Project MAMA Bristol	2,555	1,528
Refugee Women of Bristol	1,278	2,805
The Haven	1,278	1,528
Trauma Foundation South West	1,518	2,805
Aid Box Community	234	-
Other	<u>354</u>	<u>-</u>
Total grants payable	<u>22,919</u>	<u>34,116</u>

*Payments to individuals includes the purchase of vouchers, cash payments, reimbursed expenses and in kind donations of vouchers and mobile phones.

There were no grant commitments agreed but not paid at year end in the current or prior year.

10. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2026 £	2025 £
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT)	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,650</u>

In common with other charities of our size and nature we use our independent examiners to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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11. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Salaries and wages	609,136	641,703
Social security costs	61,418	46,197
Pension costs	22,425	22,276
	<u>692,979</u>	<u>710,176</u>

No employees earned more than £60,000 in the current or prior year.

Included in salaries and wages in the prior year were redundancy and termination costs totalling £17,204. Redundancy and termination costs were funded from unrestricted general funds (note 18). There were no such costs in the current year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the trustees, the CEO, the head of services, office manager and finance manager were included as key management personnel. In the prior year, there was no CEO in place. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £173,236 (2025: £134,447).

	2026 No.	2025 No.
Average head count	<u>25</u>	<u>31</u>

12. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

13. Stock

	2026 £	2025 £
Merchandise	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>

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14. Debtors

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	125	183
Prepayments	1,890	2,421
Accrued income	3,810	1,685
Other debtors	<u>1,744</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>7,569</u>	<u>5,189</u>

15. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors	14,352	5,578
Accruals	13,824	9,427
Deferred income	1,440	1,104
Other taxation and social security	15,151	9,773
Other creditors	<u>16,887</u>	<u>2,701</u>
	<u>61,654</u>	<u>28,583</u>

16. Deferred income

	2026 £	2025 £
At 1 April 2025	1,104	-
Deferred during the year	1,440	1,104
Released during the year	<u>(1,104)</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2026	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,104</u>

Deferred income relates to training income received for services provided in 2026/27.

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	167,052	-	279,348	446,400
Current liabilities	<u>(4,275)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(57,379)</u>	<u>(61,654)</u>
Net assets at 31 March 2026	<u>162,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,969</u>	<u>384,746</u>
Prior period comparative				
	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	224,977	44,743	213,500	483,220
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,583)</u>	<u>(28,583)</u>
Net assets at 31 March 2025	<u>224,977</u>	<u>44,743</u>	<u>184,917</u>	<u>454,637</u>

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18. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2026 £
Restricted funds					
Advice	8,094	157,867	(170,844)	20,809	15,926
BRASP	60,439	108,209	(109,100)	-	59,548
CLEAR	2,062	35,677	(46,358)	9,019	400
Welcome team	85,737	126,833	(236,716)	35,751	11,605
Main office	28,846	44,151	(62,495)	-	10,502
Pride Without Borders	1,882	77,819	(41,049)	-	38,652
Somerset	-	50,400	(32,254)	-	18,146
Member volunteers	20,395	25,629	(38,026)	-	7,998
Young people's project	17,522	10,000	(31,664)	4,142	-
Total restricted funds	224,977	636,585	(768,506)	69,721	162,777
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
BRASP/BRR					
ringfenced funds	4,743	-	-	(4,743)	-
Strategic reserve	40,000	-	-	(40,000)	-
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<i>44,743</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(44,743)</i>	<i>-</i>
General funds	184,917	245,560	(183,530)	(24,978)	221,969
Total unrestricted funds	229,660	245,560	(183,530)	(69,721)	221,969
Total funds	454,637	882,145	(952,036)	-	384,746

Purposes of restricted funds

Advice	The Advice project supports asylum seekers to navigate the asylum process, ensure safe and appropriate accommodation, and obtain their entitlements.
BRASP (Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership)	The Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership is a partnership of 14 organisations working together in Bristol to support asylum seekers and refugees.
CLEAR	Project CLEAR supports asylum seekers with multiple-complex needs to access services and overcome barriers.
Welcome team	The Welcome Team offers a place of welcome and safety, offering social activities and triaging and signposts members on to activities and services offered by ourselves and other organisations.

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18. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Main office	These are funds that are restricted to be used in running the main office support functions and administrative processes.
Pride Without Borders	Bristol Pride Without Borders is our support group for Bristol-based LGBTQ+ refugees and people seeking asylum.
Somerset	BRR has worked on the Somerset Welcome to All project, to set up a lived experience advisory group, deliver a programme of training and to support the hubs in Somerset in their goal to become more lived experience-led. Our role has been to share best practice with a focus on our expertise gained on equity, diversity and inclusion.
Member volunteers	Member volunteer project covers volunteer expenses and training costs to allow individuals to participate in meaningful volunteering opportunities within Bristol Refugee Rights.
Young people's project	Our Young People's Project was set up to support separated children receive the services they need.

Purposes of designated funds

BRASP/BRR ringfenced funds	This relates to funding received from the Early Action Project which have now been allocated and utilised in the year.
Strategic reserve	At the end of 2020/21, trustees designated £40,000 of unrestricted reserves for strategic purposes. This is made up of £30,000 previously designated as for new premises and an additional £10,000 from unrestricted funding. The purpose of this reserve was to enable the organisation to plan and prepare for the future. As general reserves fell below our policy target of 3 months expenditure, it was felt prudent to bring this strategic reserve back into general reserves and available to be used freely should the need arise.

Transfers between funds

Transfers in to restricted funds represent contributions from general reserves to top up overspends on restricted projects.

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18. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Advice	36,087	101,174	(193,063)	63,896	8,094
BRASP	34,764	111,369	(85,694)	-	60,439
CLEAR	9,232	31,302	(38,472)	-	2,062
Early years project	9,500	495	(44,097)	34,102	-
Welcome team	55,569	243,845	(218,617)	4,940	85,737
Main office	28,390	132,007	(131,551)	-	28,846
Young people's project	-	83,602	(66,080)	-	17,522
Member volunteers	-	9,718	(33,937)	44,614	20,395
Pride Without Borders	4,315	18,587	(21,020)	-	1,882
Total restricted funds	177,857	732,099	(832,531)	147,552	224,977
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
BRR Sue Njie hardship fund	2,480	-	(2,480)	-	-
BRASP/BRR					
ringfenced funds	-	4,743	-	-	4,743
Strategic reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
<i>Total designated funds</i>	42,480	4,743	(2,480)	-	44,743
General funds	202,447	250,723	(120,701)	(147,552)	184,917
Total unrestricted funds	244,927	255,466	(123,181)	(147,552)	229,660
Total funds	422,784	987,565	(955,712)	-	454,637

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19. Funds received as an agent

During the year, the charity acted as custodian trustee for a partner organisation. An analysis of the funds received and paid by the charity is given below. Balances held at the year end are included in other creditors as shown in note 15. No funds were held on behalf of other organisations at year end in the current or prior year.

		Funds held at 1 April 2025 £	Funds received £	Funds paid £	Funds held at 31 March 2026 £
<i>Received from</i>	<i>Distributed to</i>				
Bristol City Council	Bristol Hospitality Network	-	21,120	(21,120)	-
	Borderlands	-	23,346	(23,346)	-
	Refugee Women of Bristol	-	24,574	(24,574)	-
	Project Mama	-	10,749	(10,749)	-
	Bristol Law Centre	-	2,800	-	2,800
	Wellspring Creche	-	6,250	-	6,250
		-	88,839	(79,789)	9,050

20. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2026 £	2025 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	28,466	10,758
Within 1 - 5 years	97,259	-
	125,725	10,758

21. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the current or prior period.