

# SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

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CTMR - CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE MERSEYSIDE REGION  
Registered Charity No. 519061

### SIX MONTHS REPORT TO 30th JUNE 2010

During this period we have given weekly grants of £25, usually for a maximum of 10 weeks, to 91 destitute asylum seekers, a three-fold increase over the first half of last year; only 18 were women. They came from Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China (including Tibet), Congo (DRC), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Iran, Iraq, Lithuania, Malawi, Mauretania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan [Darfur], Tanzania, Togo, Yemen and Zimbabwe. The countries producing the largest numbers were Iran (17), Iraq (9), Afghanistan (8) and Eritrea (7). We have also completed the upgrading of the house which now provides emergency temporary accommodation for up to four men.

Immigration and asylum remain 'hot' political issues and asylum seekers are still inadequately served by the Legal Aid system which faces yet more cuts. They are the most vulnerable group in our society and they will never receive justice until they are properly distinguished from economic immigrants and dealt with under international human rights law rather than border protection measures.

Once again this is a brief update for all of you who help us - individuals, churches and charitable trusts - which comes with my sincere thanks for your continuing support and a special "Thank you" to those individual donors who contribute by monthly standing orders. All of you have enabled us to sustain this service for over 14 years during which we have raised and distributed over £470,000. During these last six months we have received further generous grants from The Fred Freeman People for People Fund, John Moores Foundation and Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocese. Every gift directly benefits our clients and often makes a crucial difference to their mental well-being and the quality of their lives.

### Draft Financial Statement January - June 2010

#### RELIEF FUND

		£ .			
	balance brought forward	1/1/10	9,667.	1/1/09	17,080.
<b>INCOME</b>			£ .		
	Grants & donations over £500		30,472.		25,047.
	Donations (individuals and groups)		200.		648.
	Gift aid refund		1,170.		1,142.
	Standing Orders (25)		<u>1,692.</u>	(25)	<u>1,744.</u>
			33,534.		28,581.
<b>LESS</b>	Transfers to Accommodation Fund		<u>13,277</u>		<u>13,337.</u>
			20,257.		15,244
			29,924.		32,324.
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Weekly grants		15,200.		5,630.
	One off payments		<u>0.</u>		<u>1,530.</u>
			15,200.		7,160.
	30/06/10 balance carried forward		<u>£ 14,724</u>	30/06/09	<u>25,164.</u>

#### ACCOMMODATION FUND

		£ .			
	Balance brought forward	1/1/10	1,850.	1/1/09	949.
<b>INCOME</b>	Transfers from General Relief Fund		13,277.		13,337.
	Monthly Standing Orders (4)		450.		450.
	Bank Interest		<u>0.</u>		<u>0.</u>
			13,727.		13,787.
			15,577.		14,736.
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Rent on houses		7,100.		7,200.
	Renovations - rewiring plumbing, windows etc		4,578.		0.
	Electricity, gas, keys, Council Tax etc.		<u>1,597.</u>		<u>6,136.</u>
			13,336.		13,336.
	30/06/10 balance carried forward		<u>£ 2,243.</u>	30/06/09	<u>£ 1,400</u>

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