

SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

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

Report & Draft Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2010

RELIEF FUND

		£ .		
	Balance brought forward 31/12/09	9,667.	31/12/08	17,080.
INCOME		£ .		
	Grants & donations over £500	52,722.	31,147.	
	Donations (individuals and groups)	1,665.	1,233.	
	Standing Orders (23)	3,372.	(23) 3,455.	
	Gift Aid: tax reclaimed	<u>1,170.</u>	<u>1,142.</u>	
		58,929.	36,977.	
LESS	Transfers to Accomm. Fund	<u>17,839.</u> 41,090.	<u>29,662.</u>	7,315.
		50,757.		24,395.
EXPENDITURE	Weekly grants	32,705.	12,920.	
	One off payments, food + relief supplies	<u>4,050.</u> 36,755.	<u>1,807.</u>	14,727.
	31/12/10 <i>balance carried forward</i>	£ <u>14,002.</u>	31/12/08 £	<u>9,668.</u>

ACCOMMODATION FUND (opened 1/8/03)

		£ .		
	Balance brought forward 31/12/09	1,850.	31/12/08	949.
INCOME		£ .		
	Transfers from General Relief Fund	17,839.	29,662.	
	Monthly Standing Orders (4)	<u>975.</u> 18,814.	<u>895.</u>	30,557.
		20,664.		31,506.
EXPENDITURE		£ .		
	Rent on houses	10,552.	13,895.	
	Renovations - rewiring plumbing, windows etc	4,577.	8,742.	
	Electricity, gas, keys, Council Tax etc.	<u>4,784.</u> 19,913.	<u>7,019.</u>	29,656.
	31/12/10 <i>balance carried forward</i>	£ <u>751.</u>	31/12/09 £	<u>1,850.</u>

This statement completes the year 2010 by including income and expenditure for December. As you can see, they represent a healthy end-of-year position and I am pleased to report that the first quarter of 2011 has continued this trend. The balance in the General Fund at 31st March was £24,109 plus £977 in the Accommodation Fund. During these three months we distributed £5,220. in weekly grants to 30 destitute asylum seekers and spent £2,600. on food, most of this being used for up to 80 weekly food parcels. The "need index" continues to rise with growing numbers lacking food, shelter and other resources. We have just increased the weekly contribution to food stores to £250. We continue to rely on Asylum Link Merseyside for sourcing supplies as cheaply as possible and packing and distributing them, as well as managing emergency accommodation and checking the genuineness of claimants.

Unfortunately the current squeeze on grants and other resources threatened the charity which owned the house which we had refurbished with bankruptcy so it was auctioned this month. S.A.S had a charge on it to cover our expenditure but it is sad to lose what we had hoped would be the beginning of a community enterprise housing scheme for refugees and asylum seekers. We have replaced the men's accommodation with a rented house and the former women's house(s) have been replaced by a lease on St. Michael's Parish House (Horne Street) so we are still able to provide limited, temporary accommodation for a few of the homeless until they can revive their claims for asylum or gain some form of leave to remain here.

Grants received since the November Report have come from Rowan Charitable Trust and Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocese (balance of the Lent Alms Collection 2010) and again we are grateful for these and other long-standing donors, especially those loyal individuals who continue to give monthly by bank standing order and enhance their donations with Gift Aid. To all of you I want to say a big "Thank you!"

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