

SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

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

Report & Draft Financial Statement First 11 Months of 2011

RELIEF FUND		£ .	£ .
	Balance brought forward 31/12/10	14,002.	31/12/09 9,667.
INCOME	Grants & donations over £500	44,347.	50,722.
	Refund costs property renovation	10,000.	0.
	Donations (individuals and groups)	405.	1,315.
	Standing Orders (23)	3,112.	(23) 3,074.
	Transfer from Accom Fund	1,000.	0.
	Gift Aid: tax reclaimed	<u>0.</u>	<u>1,170.</u>
		58,864.	56,281.
LESS	Transfers to Accom. Fund	<u>21,878</u> 36,985.	<u>17,287.</u> 38,994.
		50,987.	48,661
EXPENDITURE	Weekly grants	20,445.	29,390.
	One offs, food + relief supplies	<u>21,400.</u> 41,845.	<u>4,050.</u> 33,440.
	30/11/11 <i>balance carried forward</i>	£ <u>9,142.</u>	30/11/10 £ <u>14,724.</u>
ACCOMMODATION FUND (opened 1/8/03)		£ .	
	Balance brought forward 31/12/10	751.	31/12/09 1,850.
INCOME		£ .	
	Transfers from General Relief Fund	21,878.	17,287.
	Less transfer to General Relief Fund	(-1,000.)	0.
	Monthly Standing Orders (4)	<u>745.</u> 21,623.	<u>900.</u> 18,187.
		22,374.	20,037.
EXPENDITURE			
	Rent on houses	12,841.	10,000.
	Renovations - rewiring plumbing, windows etc	0.	4,577.
	Electricity, gas, keys, Council Tax etc.	9,037. 21,878	<u>4,784.</u> 19,361.
	30/11/11 <i>balance carried forward</i>	£ <u>496.</u>	30/11/10 £ <u>676.</u>

During this period we have given 61 new clients weekly grants of £25 for 10 weeks. They came from the same bewildering alphabet of countries as last year, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, but the number of beneficiaries is less than half last year's total for three principal reasons. First, we have devoted an increasing proportion of our funds to providing food - meals and food parcels - through Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM). Second, because we have made several contributions to keeping the destitution work of ALM alive in a difficult funding climate. And, third, because a survey of past and present beneficiaries revealed that a majority valued most the emergency accommodation and the meals rather than the limited time with a £25 weekly grant. So the intention now is to limit cash grants to £5 per week, distributed with a meal. We have also taken on a third house with a mixture of failed asylum seekers who have no benefits and some who have gained refugee status; their housing benefit subsidises the others. This is a model which has worked well for the Boaz Trust in Manchester, so we hope it will enable us to house more of the destitute here.

This Summary Report and Financial Statement comes to you with seasonal greetings and heartfelt thanks on behalf of the marginalised people who have benefited from the generosity of so many individuals, groups, churches and charitable trusts. Many of you are long-standing supporters, including most of the following corporate donors: Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust, Elizabeth Rathbone Charitable Trust, F. Freeman People for People Fund, P.H.Holt Foundation, John Moores Foundation, Rowan Charitable Trust, Churches Together in Chester and Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocese. We are proud of our association with so many exemplars of the philanthropic heritage of Merseyside - it is only regrettable that so-called Big Society has brought problems instead of help to so many of us.

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