

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 2011

RELIEF FUND	Balance brought forward 31/12/10	14,002.	31/12/09	9,667.
INCOME	Grants & donations over £500	45,347.		52,722.
	Refund costs property renovation	10,000.		0.
	Donations (individuals and groups)	1,465.		1,665.
	Standing Orders (23)	3,459.	(23)	3,372.
	Transfer from Accomm Fund	1,000.		0.
	Gift Aid: tax reclaimed	<u>0.</u>		<u>1,170.</u>
		61,271.		58,929.
LESS	Transfers to Accomm. Fund	<u>21,878</u>		<u>17,839.</u>
		39,393.		41,090.
		53,395.		50,757.
EXPENDITURE	Weekly grants	20,445.		32,705.
	One offs, food + relief supplies	<u>22,420.</u>		<u>4,050.</u>
		42,865.		36,755.
	31/12/11 balance carried forward	£ 10,530.	30/11/10	£14,002.
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.		17,839.
	Less transfer to General Relief Fund	(-1,000.)		0.
	Monthly Standing Orders (4)	<u>885.</u>		<u>975.</u>
		21,763.		18,814.
		22,514.		20,664.
EXPENDITURE				
	Rent on houses	12,841.		10552.
	Renovations - rewiring plumbing, windows etc	0.		4,577.
	Electricity, gas, keys, Council Tax etc.	<u>9,037.</u>		<u>4,784.</u>
		21,878		19,913.
	31/12/11 balance carried forward	£ 636.	30/11/10	£ 751.

This summary is the usual attempt to keep our supporters up to date and it comes with thanks and good wishes at Easter. During this period the number of destitute asylum seekers and those refused asylum who cannot be returned to their countries of origin has remained high. Since the year end we have changed the method of disbursing funds. Research showed that the £25 weekly grant for a limited period which has been the cornerstone of our service was not the most valued element. Recipients said that a smaller amount for an indefinite period would be more useful ("indefinite" subject to available funds of course) and meals and food parcels were most valued. So we are now giving a weekly sum of £5 to those who qualify for free food - about 60 at present. With the cost of food this is using up funds rapidly - together with the provision of accommodation for about 15 homeless people in three houses.

In the first quarter of 2012 we have received about £4,300 in grants and donations and spent £13,900 so it is a good job that a large donation is now due ! In future we will analyse the accounts differently grouping all the outlay on destitution, including temporary accommodation and management costs, together since this is now by far our largest responsibility and it is channelled through a Destitution Project which is managed by the Destitution Manager at Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM) but functions semi-independently. Believe it or not, this simplifies the work of ALM's administrator but enables us to retain control and monitoring.

May I repeat my heartfelt thanks on behalf of all who benefit from the generosity of so many individuals, groups, churches and charitable trusts (with a special mention for monthly donors who Gift Aid their donations) and charities: including 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, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Trusts, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocese. To you all "Thank you !"

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