



BEYOND DETENTION

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2022

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From the Chair

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immigration detention and given leave to remain in the UK. They do not. The expansion of our activities to include casework, online courses, an online friendship group and remote befriending to support people post-detention is an exciting and much-needed development, driven by people with lived experience among our staff, our board and elsewhere.

This report on Beyond Detention's activities during the second year of the pandemic is a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to those at the heart of the charity: the people we support in Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre and those released from detention, whose feedback determines what we do and how we do it; our magnificent, adaptable body of volunteers; our dedicated staff; and my fellow trustees, who conscientiously study policies and spreadsheets without losing sight of the bigger picture.

For much of 2021/22 the charity was led by Nicky Woods as CEO and Sarah Grahame as chair of trustees. They responded with admirable calm and resourcefulness to the ever-changing scenario at Yarl's Wood. Donna-Louise Cobban joined us as CEO in January 2022, bringing years of valuable management experience in the homelessness sector alongside the knowledge she has gained as a Samaritan volunteer. She has picked up the reins remarkably quickly.

Our new name also recalls the principle behind the charity's foundation, as vital in 2022 as it was in 2001: the need to see beyond the numbers and statistics to recognise as individuals and treat with humanity those in immigration detention.

It is an opportunity, too, to thank again our funders, big and small, whose generosity has allowed us to deliver our services. We

Our change in name to Beyond Detention is a reflection of our new, extended remit. It is easy to assume that the hardship and challenges end when people are released from

**Robina
Pelham Burn**
Chair

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From the CEO

Those of you who have been long-term supporters of ours will know us as Yarl's Wood Befrienders. The decision was taken by the Board of trustees to change our name to better reflect our increased support services, therefore Beyond Detention was born with a commitment to develop as an organisation as we identify how we can continue to support those who are held in Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre (YWIRC) and now also when they leave and are allowed to settle in the UK.

I am pleased to confirm that befriending is still very much at our heart as an organisation, and we have continued to support our beneficiaries in this way. As Covid-19 restrictions and precautions were still in place during 2021/22 we continued to offer this

service in person and on the telephone. More information on the outcomes and impact of all our support services can be read later in this report.

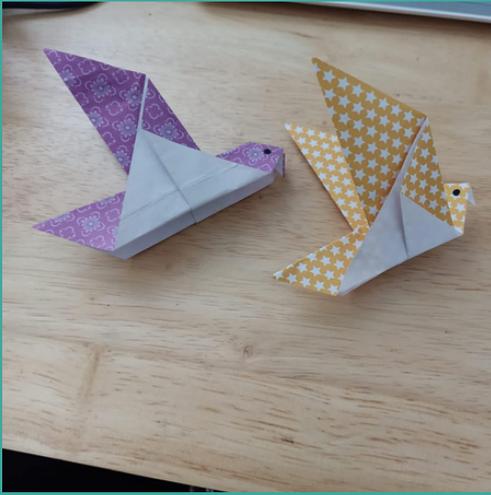
Moving out of the Covid-19 pandemic has been a financial pressure to our organisation as with many other charities in the support sector. On behalf of the organisation, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the trusts and foundations and individuals who have supported us financially over this year. Our financial health continues to be a strong focus for the organisation and we continue to seek opportunities to diversify and grow our income for future years. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our fantastic, hardworking staff and volunteer teams who have continued to be as



passionate as ever about supporting our beneficiaries, especially from the change in dynamics from supporting women to now supporting men. I have been moved by the extent of positive feedback and thanks we have received from those who have been supported by us during this time.

**Donna-Louise
Cobban**
CEO

Trustees' Annual Report



Becoming Beyond Detention

At the start of 2022, after 20 years as Yarl's Wood Befrienders, we became Beyond Detention. The new name was chosen to reflect the charity's arc of care, which now supports people when they leave detention as well as while they are detained indefinitely within Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre. It is also a reminder to see beyond the walls and barbed wire of Yarl's Wood IRC to the humanity of the individuals detained inside.

We issued a call to action asking people to make origami birds and share them on social media with the hashtag #BeyondDetention and messages of solidarity. The campaign was instrumental in launching the new branding and website. Here is a selection of birds made by our followers and the people we support.

"I'm drawing this for protection. I always feel protected by Beyond Detention"

- Artwork from Emma for Refugee Week



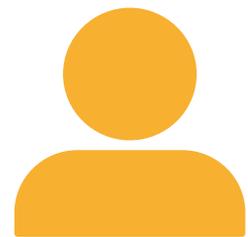
Outcomes and Impact

Beneficiaries

Towards the end of 2021/22, Yarl's Wood IRC, in line with the Home Office directive, changed its purpose, becoming a centre for men only and serving as both a short-term holding facility (STHF) and an immigration removal centre (IRC). For the charity this has meant a change from supporting women to supporting mostly men. In 2021/22, 23% of our in-detention beneficiaries were female and 77% male.

Over the same period, 45% of our post-detention

beneficiaries were female and 55% were male. The majority of referrals came from other visitors' groups in the AVID network and self-referrals from beneficiaries who had been released from detention during the Covid-19 pandemic, or who had been placed by Local Authorities in hotels in Bedfordshire and further afield.



Inside Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre

We supported a total of 237 people held at YWIRC, through one-to-one befriending,

either in-person or by telephone, and at our weekly drop-ins.

We developed an approach to telephone befriending and trained our volunteers to enable them to support residents using a different method. We were encouraged that 67 residents had ongoing befriending during this time despite the change in approach and the barriers of not being able to meet in person.

71% of people surveyed told us that phone calls from their befriender helped them to cope with their current situation

“Having someone to talk to makes one feel less isolated. It is also a good chance to take out the bad emotions by sharing them, on top of chances to practise English language”

From September 2021, when our weekly drop-in sessions at YWIRC were reinstated, to March 2022, we were able to see 243 residents. At these sessions we were able to take requests for essential

clothing and phone credit.

As a result, 129 residents received practical support in the form of clothing and shoes, and 158 residents received mobile phone top-up credit on 226 occasions to enable them to remain in contact with family, friends and essential external services.

71% of people surveyed said visits from a befriender improved their self-esteem and emotional wellbeing

“It really helped me interact with people even though we are not meeting each other but hearing them on the phone helps me to feel good. Keep up the good work!”

We continued to work closely with Serco’s welfare and pastoral teams to identify residents who would benefit from our support. We liaised with and referred residents to Kaleidoscope, who provide one-to-one counselling and group therapy, and to Hibiscus, who provide resettlement advice and support.



Post-detention support

We supported a total of 167 people as they started their post-detention journey. Our staff and volunteers undertook casework on their behalf to ensure they were connected to and supported by their local community wherever they were in the UK. Post-detention support also included access to our online courses and Friendship Group, and support with practical items such as supermarket vouchers, clothing, phones and laptops.

During this time, we were able to support 52 people with a post-detention befriender who would regularly call and text to find out how they were and provide a much-needed listening ear.

71% of people surveyed said that speaking with their befriender made them feel more connected to the wider community

"I can easily talk to my befriender and tell them about the problems and successes of my life"



Phone credit and digital inclusion

During the Covid-19 pandemic, when so much moved online, it was evident that our beneficiaries needed more support with digital inclusion. Thanks to the generosity of the funders, we were able to trial a digital inclusion project that allowed us to provide more devices and phone top-up than we normally could.

We gave out 37 devices to those most in need, so they could access our online courses and Friendship Group, and contact staff, volunteers, essential

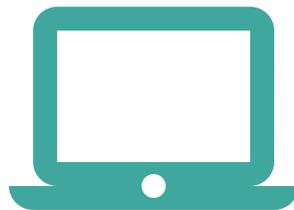
support services and family.

Along with the devices we were able to support 219 people with mobile phone credit and/or data bundles on 455 occasions.

88% of people surveyed said that receiving phone credit made them feel less lonely and isolated

"It has helped me a lot, I used it for Google Maps to find out where I am going as everything has changed since I was inside and to be able to watch Youtube, that helps in my mental health"

Moving forward, we remain committed to digital inclusion and will continue to develop our approaches in this essential area of support for our beneficiaries.



Online courses

Following the success of our six-month trial of online courses during the

height of the Covid-19 pandemic, these opportunities for informal learning became part of our core services. During 2021/22 our online group offer consisted of Art Therapy, Creative Writing, Macrame, Men's and Women's Fitness, and three levels of ESOL. We welcomed 110 people to these weekly classes.

93% of people surveyed said the courses helped give them confidence to try something new

"I always connect to do Art Therapy because it takes me to a different place"



Friendship Group

Over the year, peer support through our weekly Friendship Group went from strength to strength. A total of 66 people participated, with average weekly attendances of 13 people per session.

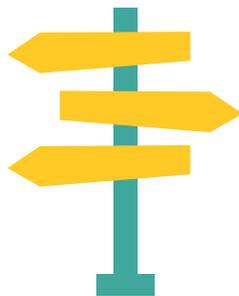
The Friendship Group continued to be managed by our Activities Coordinator, who has lived experience of detention, and was supported by nine beneficiaries who make up the steering group. Their role is to ensure that the group is focused on the needs of those leaving detention, to appoint guest speakers, to pick topics for discussion and to ensure that everyone who wishes to take an active part in the group is able to do so.

76% of people surveyed said that meeting people in their own language in the group helped them to feel more connected

"I have been living a reclusive lifestyle post-detention, the group has helped me connect with folks going through the same battles. That I appreciate"

Building on the success and popularity of the Friendship Group, we will be seeking beneficiaries who wish to develop their skills by volunteering as peer mentors. External counselling will be

offered to Friendship Group participants, and mental health practitioners will be invited to join sessions for further awareness raising on mental health and wellbeing support available to beneficiaries.



Working with our partners

In 2021/22 we remained committed to partnering with a range of local and national organisations, referring our beneficiaries to them, and working with them on complex cases to ensure people were fully supported at each stage.

Inside YWIRC we worked closely with Kaleidoscope, Bail in Detention, Medical Justice, Hibiscus and the Red Cross.

We continued to build our knowledge base of external services to refer and signpost people to during their post-detention journey and we developed positive links with specific

organisations that offer advice on housing, resettlement and legal issues.

Outside YWIRC, our local referrals included BRASS, the King's Arms Project and the Polish British Integration Centre.

Thanks to the Trussell Trust, we were able to issue foodbank vouchers and we also gave supermarket vouchers to those in most need, with the help of generous donations from a local supporter.

85% of people we surveyed said that referrals to other organisations made them feel more supported by the wider community

"We really appreciate all your help and support throughout the year"

Volunteers



Our dedicated and committed volunteers continue to be an essential part of our organisation and rose admirably to the challenge of volunteering during the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The pandemic meant that many people were released from Yarl's Wood IRC into the community or into quasi-detention in hotels managed by the Local Authority, so the

"I feel hugely privileged to be associated with the befrienders.

You are all so kind and wonderful."

-A volunteer

needs of our beneficiaries changed. We developed in-detention and post-detention befriending roles and provided ongoing training and mentoring this year to support the move to male-oriented services.

We welcomed 14 new volunteers, to give a total of 68 active volunteers, who between them speak 20 languages.

Fewer than usual potential volunteers attended Information and Recruitment sessions during 2021/22, which feedback suggests was pandemic-related.

Income and Expenditure Summary



Income and Expenditure

In 2021/22, incoming resources were £163,365 and resources expended were £189,895, giving a net expenditure of (£26,530).

Funds carried forward at 31st March 2021 totalled £132,149. After net expenditure of (£26,530) in the year 2021/22 the funds carried forward at 31

March 2022 totalled £105,618.

Funding

The charity received grants and donations totalling £163,365, of which £105,583 were unrestricted funds and £57,782 were restricted funds.

Principal funding sources were the National Lottery Community Fund, the Lloyds Bank Foundation, the Harpur Trust, the Bromley Trust and the Sam and Bella Sebba Charitable Foundation.

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Finance Officer

Risk Management

As we move out of the Covid-19 pandemic, we recognise the need to monitor and manage risk effectively to maintain the charity's stability so that we can continue to deliver essential support to those in YWIRC and those on their post-detention journey.

The Home Office has confirmed its intention that Yarl's Wood IRC remain both an immigration removal centre and a short-term holding facility for men, but the Nationality and Borders Bill could still result in operational changes at YWIRC. In the past two years we have had to adapt our services at short notice, and we must be prepared to do so in the future.

It is important for us also to bear in mind the risks associated with a volunteer-led service. We will continue to recruit new volunteers, continue to adapt and increase the services that our volunteers offer, and continue to develop their skills through training and information sessions.

On the financial side, we are aware that we must continue to develop our income generation plan and diversify our funding.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold reserves of between three to six months' operating costs. Against an actual spend of circa £189k in 2021/22, the reserves carried forward of circa £70,000 meet the organisation's criteria. Within the reserves there are provisions of £30,000 against closure and redundancy costs and £40,000 against running costs.

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Name Beyond Detention

Registered charity number 1143160

Registered company number 07652500

Registered Office 43 Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2AA

Directors (trustees)

Jivan Dempsey

Sarah Grahame

Eleanor Hitchman (joined September 2021)

Kristen Hope Burchill (joined September 2021)

Angela Huddart

Catherine Kirk (joined September 2021) – Vice-Chair

Robina Pelham Burn – Chair

Stella Shyanguya

Isabelle Sykes (resigned March 2022)

Independent examiner Rob Baxter – Retired Life Member, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Banker HSBC, 12 Allhallows, Bedford, MK40 1LJ

Governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Charity Commission. From April to October 2021 it operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 3 May 2011. These were amended on 2 Nov 2021 and again on 12 March 2022 to allow the charity to support people post-detention as well as inside Yarl's Wood IRC. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £10.

Trustees are appointed on the basis of the skills and expertise they can contribute, their commitment to the aims of the organisation, and their willingness to devote their time and talents to the cause. All trustees are appointed by a vote at trustees' meetings.

The trustees of Beyond Detention have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when making decisions about the charity's activities and when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Aims and objectives

The charity's objectives ("objects") are specifically restricted to the charitable relief of those detained in, and who have left, Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre.

Beyond Detention provides emotional and practical support to people detained in Yarl's Wood IRC and post-detention, in the community.

Funds held for third parties

No funds are held for third parties.

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement in inspection report).

Responsibilities of the trustees

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 charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 12, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The members of the committee must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Income and Expenditure

2020/21		Unrestricted	2021/22	
Total		Funds	Restricted	
Funds		Funds	Funds	
£		£	£	£
	Incoming Resources			
236,539.63	Grants and Donations	105,575.72	57,782.17	163,357.89
28.30	Bank Interest	7.34		7.34
236,567.93	Total Incoming Resources	105,583.06	57,782.17	163,365.23
	Resources Expended			
108,439.16	Wages, NI and Pensions	110,725.55	18,206.02	128,931.57
15,178.16	Redundancy Costs	0.00		0.00
560.00	Personnel/DBS Costs	388.00		388.00
14,385.95	Office Expenses	4,089.33		4,089.33
6,446.00	Rent and Rates	7,032.00		7,032.00
0.00	Consulting and Evaluation	5,958.95		5,958.95
16,142.00	Covid-19 Expenses	808.97		808.97
7,852.59	Detainee Support	1,203.37	5,074.14	6,277.51
0.00	Post-detention Support	9,514.28	19,310.47	28,824.75
800.00	Grants	0.00		0.00
26.72	Volunteer Expenses	134.25		134.25
1,504.25	Training	1,638.79		1,638.79
420.19	Insurance	430.32		430.32
4,203.49	Building Capabilities	0.00		0.00
993.00	Professional Fees	4,201.00		4,201.00
0.00	Staff Supervision	1,180.00		1,180.00
176,951.51	Total Resources Expended	147,304.81	42,590.63	189,895.44
59,616.42	Net Income/(-) expenditure	-41,721.75	15,191.54	-26,530.21
72,532.39	Total Funds brought forward	132,148.81		132,148.81
132,148.81	Total Funds carried forward	90,427.06	15,191.54	105,618.60



Balance Sheet

2020/21 £		2021/22 £
	Current Assets	
173,492.74	Bank	109,231.43
1,524.19	Accounts Receivable	0.00
175,016.93	Total Current Assets	109,231.43
	Current Liabilities	
4918.12	Accounts Payable	1,387.38
-545.00	Accruals	0.00
38,495.00	Income in Advance	0.00
0.00	NIC Payable	1,354.05
0.00	PAYE Payable	871.40
42,868.12	Total Current Liabilities	3,612.83
132,148.81	Net Current Assets	105,618.60
	The funds of the Charity	
62,148.81	Unrestricted Income Funds	20,427.06
0.00	Restricted Income Funds	15,191.54
20,000.00	Provision - Closure Costs	4,500.00
40,000.00	Provision - Running Costs	41,000.00
10,000.00	Provision - Redundancies	24,500.00
132,148.81	Total Funds	105,618.60

Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Big Lottery - Additional 10% payment - Jun-Aug 21	38,495.00		38,495.00
House of Industry		2,132.17	2,132.17
Harpur Trust	17,000.00	17,000.00	34,000.00
Sam and Bella Sebba Charitable Foundation	5,000.00	38,650.00	43,650.00
Bromley Trust	15,000.00		15,000.00
Lloyds Bank Foundation	25,000.00		25,000.00
Other Revenue	1,259.14		1,259.14
Other Donations	1,265.34		1,265.34
Online Donations	2,556.24		2,556.24
Interest Income	7.34		7.34
Total	105,583.06	57,782.17	163,365.23

Our thanks to



Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP revised 2005), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Incoming resources

All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis – i.e. they are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

Pension costs

As from January 2017 the charity began a defined contribution pension scheme with the National Employment Savings Trust. All appropriate costs are allocated in these accounts.

Resources expended

These have been analysed using a classification appropriate to the activities of the organisation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of all tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives on a straight-line basis.

2. Staff costs and numbers

	2021	2022
Wages (inc NI & Pension Contributions)	£108,439	£128,932

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average last year was 4.5 FTE (4.57 FTE in April 2021 and 4.51 FTE in March 2022).

3. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses in the year. A number of trustees are also befrienders and can claim expenses relevant to those activities.

4. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

5. Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination and accountancy services was £180.

6. Annual commitments under operating leases

The organisation leases one room in 43 Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2AA for office premises, the notice period being six months.

7. Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

8. The charity's policy on reserves

The charity aims to hold reserves of between three to six months' operating costs. Against an actual spend of circa £189k in 2021/22, the reserves carried forward of circa £70,00 meet the organisation's criteria. Within the reserves there are provisions of £30,000 against closure and redundancy costs and £40,000 against running costs.

9. Funds position

The impact of Covid-19 has had a major impact on the Beyond Detention accounts over the last two years. Because of this, comparisons between specific income and expenditure lines between the years do not have much meaning. However, it must be acknowledged that the organisation operated at a loss in 2021/22 of circa £27k. This may be due to one-off, specific expenditure within the year, but this is a position which is not sustainable.



Friendship and Support in Yarl's Wood & Beyond

Our Mission

Beyond Detention provides emotional and practical support to people detained in Yarl's Wood IRC and post-detention, in the community.

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