

Charity registration number 1078607 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 03141290

**THE HOPE FOUNDATION LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

# THE HOPE FOUNDATION LIMITED

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# THE HOPE FOUNDATION LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Purposes and Aims of The Hope Foundation**

From the Charities Commission Governing Document:

The advancement of education, the provision of opportunities for training, the advancement of religion and the relief of poverty of persons on low income.

#### **Charity Aims**

The aim of the charity is relieving poverty and helping provide hope and a purpose for local people. We do this by improving their identification of available opportunities, ability to access them and support for them to achieve their goals and targets in a supportive environment.

Specific aims include

- a) Raising aspirations, motivation and participation in social, educational and economic life
- b) Enabling people to address barriers including social, psychological, personal and health issues
- c) Increasing skills and employability
- d) Encouraging the integration of all sectors of the community
- e) Reducing loneliness and isolation
- f) Supporting people to progress into work, education or volunteering
- g) Helping people develop their confidence in themselves and their abilities
- h) Providing volunteering and work experience opportunities
- i) Working with a wide range of partners to meet individual and community need

This helps create a safer and stronger local community, helping address poverty, exclusion and disadvantage for local residents.

This year has been challenging due to the cost of living crisis and local issues around fuel food and digital poverty and giving to charity. The organisation has continued to be agile in responding to local need and the current financial situation. We have continued to achieve our aims adapting our work and methods of delivery to continue to meet the challenging and changing local need in a very difficult economic climate.

#### **Public benefit**

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All work and services we carry out are for public benefit and the good of our local community. They are all to meet our aims and objectives.

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### Local Situation

#### Employment and Skills

Between the census of 2011 and 2021 the population of Middlesbrough has increased by 4% the 3rd largest percentage increase in the North East. 5.3% of the population are unemployed (economically active) across Middlesbrough compared to 3.7% nationally and 3.9% across the North East. The proportion claiming unemployment related benefits was 6.2% in March 2024. 29.2% of the population were economically inactive (retired, looking after the home or family being temporarily long term sick and disabled. This is higher than across the North East 24.2% and nationally 21.2%.

#### Health and Wellbeing

Employment, skills and poverty are important risk factors linked to health and wellbeing of local residents (Director of Health Report - mental health and emotional wellbeing in Middlesbrough 2014/15). Loneliness and isolation are societal issues. WHO defines mental health as the state of wellbeing in which every individual realises his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully and is able to make a contribution to their community. There is a massive rise in mental health needs and drug and alcohol issues locally.

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### Achievements and performance

*Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

#### Activities, Projects and Services

The charity has continued to successfully develop its work, delivering services that make a difference in, and as part of, the Middlesbrough and Tees Valley community. By delivering our services we directly impact identified local issues in the 6th most deprived area in the country (index of Multiple Deprivation). We impact the index categories of Education, skills and training (IMD scores 13.5%), income deprivation (IMD 22.5%), employment deprivation (22.5%), health deprivation and disability (13.5%), barriers to housing and services domain (9.3%).

Our objectives are

- To continually identify local need and facilitate the delivery of appropriate services to meet that need. We do that through our own delivery, collaboration or signposting to a wide range of partners ensuring we support people appropriately and in a holistic way.
- To meet the needs identified by enabling local residents to recognise and have the support they require and know how to achieve their aspirations, goals and targets in a safe and supportive environment.

Over the year we had an average 14 employees on the charitable activities with 17 staff in total. We are able to provide services and activities with financial support through fundraising, grants, contracts and service level agreements, as well as working with partners and volunteers. The organisation continues to work hard to be sustainable and continue to respond to the increasing and changing community needs and funding landscape which continues to be particularly challenging as well as the increased costs of staff and premises. This year there has been real development in work with businesses and 'in kind support'.

Our current services/activities include but are not limited to:

#### **1) a. Quality formal and informal teaching and learning opportunities**

##### **Middlesbrough College**

The Hope Foundation delivers functional skills qualifications from entry 1 to level 2 including Maths, English and IT, alongside life skills around social skills, confidence and employability. Our teaching approach is accessible and provides learning in a supportive way. The community are able to take up opportunities to learn in a way that suits them and in a space that suits them. The majority of this work is funded through TVCA from the Adult Skills Budget as a subcontractor of Middlesbrough College.

##### **Achievements in the year**

We successfully adapted our delivery model to an online one to meet the changing needs caused by Covid and the government restrictions. Although this was difficult for learners and staff at the time this has resulted in a blended face to face and online blended model which has enabled us to provide a much more responsive teaching model and service.

We delivered 432 courses in the academic year to 141 learners and average of 3 qualifications per learner.

##### **The Key strengths of the delivery are**

A very responsive management and staff team with a culture of flexibility, with an ability to make positive and timely changes, to ensure timely responses to contract and learner needs.

The quality of the teaching, learning and assessment is very good and learners do benefit from high expectations, engagement, care, support and motivation from the full staff team. Device and connectivity support is provided through our device library and furbdit project. Management, systems and processes and quality standards are excellent with very good reports from exam boards and other external audits.

We conducted a pilot programme delivering ESOL for work with a cohort of learners funded through the RISE programme. The work was to bring together refugee needs around language and what they need to function well in employment. The course was very successful.

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#### **1) b. supporting the development of digital skills and use of technology to support inclusion and opportunity**

We were able to distribute devices and engage learners that were most digitally excluded with data support provided through the databank and the Good Things Foundation.

##### **Furbdit**

This project [www.furbdit.org.uk](http://www.furbdit.org.uk) has continued to develop as it now has funded support with dedicated staff to work on the project.

**National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities** monies support this computer recycling and re distribution project to ensure digital inclusion through working with 120+ organisations working with the most vulnerable. The fund employs a Business Development Manager and support worker but the funds come to an end in March 2025.

The project is tackling digital exclusion and digital inequality by collecting, refurbishing and then re distributing computers, laptops, phones, tablets, printers and parts.

Partnership with The University of Teesside has resulted in furbdit moving into the Launchpad space in October 2022. This is currently still on a 6 month renewable lease, in an entrepreneurial community helping start-ups and founders of new businesses.

Furbdit has built up links with businesses and statutory services as donors of redundant equipment. Many local agencies, working with the most vulnerable in society, have been recruited as distributors of the devices to the people they are working with. Local agencies have been recruited as drop off points including Middlesbrough libraries. Connectivity needs have been supported through the National data bank.

##### **UK Social Prosperity Fund**

The Hope Foundation was part of a partnership which in June 2023 was successful in accessing support through the UKSPF from Tees Valley Combined Authority. The main partners are The University of Teesside, The Hope Foundation and Good Things Foundation.

This feasibility project which ran until March 2024 helped to support furbd. Through the fund we were able to start the development of an ecommerce platform, rebrand furbdit to furbd, employ a technical manager, a part time volunteer manager and a digital officer. The work was very successful in raising the understanding of the impact of the furbd project in the local area. It also helped the development of work to make the project sustainable in the longer term. The University conducted the research as to local needs with the project looking at the issues through a feasibility study around digital exclusion and the 3 main pillars; the need for devices, connectivity and skills. The local authorities as part of the project explored different skills delivery models to meet local needs. At the end of the funds we have been able to sustain the digital inclusion officer as an IT tutor and the volunteer coordinator through our centre for warmth. Unfortunately we were unable to sustain the technical manager's role.

##### **Device Library**

We have formed a device library which enables people to borrow tablets, laptops and phones for specific purposes such as to do a course or other time limited activities. This is well used.

#### **2) Information, advice and careers support**

Our contract with Educational Development Trust (EDT) enables us to deliver through the government's National Careers Service. The service includes quality workshops, 1 to 1 appointments and drop in support. This contract is important in being able to help link local people with preparing for working life and to address their barriers, as well as further support into employment, training and volunteering opportunities. The service delivers in Middlesbrough. The current contract was renewed in March 2024 for a further year.

#### **3) Moving residents closer to and into employment, training and volunteering**

A lot of our work is to help progress individuals to where they need to be, to achieve their goal. The employability support includes a CV workshop, work club and cybercafé. Through support with basic IT skills we help with using the internet and applying for jobs and recording job search activity. We have access to quality LMI (Labour Market Intelligence) and good local employer and training delivery knowledge. This work is supported through parts of the National Careers Service and Middlesbrough College contracts as well as the cybercafé and volunteer support.

**In the year, from the people we have supported these are the positive progression outcomes.**

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On average learners completed 3 qualifications with us.

We work with a wide range of organisations and the majority of our learners continue to work with other agencies for more complex life issues while still working with us. We are often part of a long journey.

#### **4) Facilitating volunteer placement and work experience opportunities**

The support of volunteers is key to the Charity's day to day operations. Volunteers and work experience opportunities are available in all areas of the delivery. This includes administration, reception, tutor support, café support, work club delivery, digital skills and activities. Volunteers provide added value to all areas of our work and helps us to be able to deliver quality services. For some this has proved to provide a pathway into employment. We have formal volunteers with a number of regular days supporting the work that goes on. We also have informal volunteering opportunities where people help on an ad hoc basis for example with handyman and garden roles.

#### **Access Foundation**

The support from the Access Foundation helped us to formalise our volunteering programme working with the new Volunteer Academy which has been set up locally. Through the support we are able to meet volunteer costs, provide training and support and develop routes into work and learning especially around digital skills.

#### **Digital Volunteers**

All our volunteering uses aspects of IT. From logging hours to supporting people to access IT.

Partnership with the College and University has resulted in work experience and internships being offered. Current placements are for T level students, masters and degree students and level 3 technical students. The T level students are key to supporting the funded contract.

In the year we calculated volunteers worked 3,592 hours for the Charity. At a notional cost of £10.76 per hour over the period this equates to a contribution of approximately £38,650.

#### **5) Providing activities and services that encourage participation and reduce loneliness and isolation**

Our current social activities programme has continued to grow and develop with programmes across every day of the week. We are a member of fashare and recycle unwanted food, which enables us to keep our café costs down, while providing an excellent healthy menu. We have a 'Snug' and warm space where people can attend who are having difficulties paying their bills. Activities occur weekly and include crafts, Bingo, a coffee morning, tea and technology drop in, board games, quiz and record club. These are delivered by volunteers with staff support. Various funds are accessed to help support the activities.

#### **Café**

The café is a safe space for the community of Hope and Middlesbrough town centre. This is where learners, staff and friends meet. Activities take place in this social space with internet access and accessible space for meals and drop in. The staff are supportive and they always find time to chat and make people welcome. As it seats about 35 people there is always a presence and people who come along soon make friends and are able to access support as required. We operate a subsidised kitchen with cheap home-made nutritious healthy meals. Many of our client group are on low incomes and the Kitchen/Café offers affordable meals and drinks and a welcoming meeting place.

#### **Middlesbrough Mental Health Collective**

The formal partnership has continued to grow with 10 partner voluntary organisations involved as part of the mental health transformation programme. The café and staff support many people with complex mental health and other issues who need a space to go and 'belong' and be 'seen'. The work is progressing with further funding this year. By linking up services, signposting and informal and formal support people are better served to have their needs met in terms of mental health support. We have community navigators through the NHS based in the centre once a week.

#### **Cyber café**

The cyber café enables people to get access and support for digital skills. Hope 2 Work and CV workshops with the focus on finding work take place weekly. Other work includes tea and tech sessions, support to apply for jobs, how to use your device and support accessing online courses and learning.

#### **Centre for Warmth**

April 2024 a new project working with the Northern Gas Network is helping people with their utility bills tackling the cost of living and fuel crisis. By helping vulnerable people register on the priority service register and learn about the effects of carbon monoxide and also having access to carbon monoxide alarms residents are supported. Other benefits of the project include healthy eating and the distribution of slow cookers.



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### **6) Premises and Buildings**

There have been ongoing general improvements to the building and internally to the premises in the year to better facilitate how the building is used to meet local need. This has included building works and redecoration of classrooms.

### **IT Infrastructure**

There have been no significant changes in the year with the Cyber Security plus standard maintained. We are equipped to be able to upgrade to Windows 11.

### **Financial review**

Unrestricted funds income decreased by £25,244 (7%). Restricted funds income increased by £116,263 (87%). Six new Restricted Funds were secured in the year (note 14).

Café income increased £14,664 (48%) as the café enjoyed increased patronage. Other income decreased by £15,762 (32%).

Overall total income increased by £91,019 (18%) with Unrestricted income making up 59% of total income vs 74% in the previous year, so there was a significant change in the make up of the funding streams accessed, to provide the services to meet the current needs of the local community.

Total resources expended were in line with the changing income streams and totalled £392,195 for Unrestricted funds expenditure and £241,002 for Restricted funds expenditure.

The net movement in funds for the year was an increase in Unrestricted funds of £10,583 and a decrease in Restricted funds of £34,947 which was a satisfactory outcome in a challenging year.

The balance sheet remains well geared with fixed assets at £359,727 with no debt and the working capital ratio is 2:1 with net current assets of £319,105 which meets the Charity's policy on reserves of 6 months expenditure.

Total funds at the balance sheet date were £678,832 (2023 £703,196).

### ***Reserves policy***

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees are aware of the potential risks to the charity both financial and otherwise and implements strategies to control or minimise these risks. Regular reviews of risks and controls are undertaken.

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#### Plans for future periods

There are continuing funding challenges in the current financial climate. We are hopeful that we will be able to sustain our activities and the support of local people. Our confidence is based on a resilient staff team with a proven track record of delivery who have continually, over many years, responded in a timely and effective way to meet local need. Financially the Charity is strong which allows us to underpin our activity effectively

Some of the challenges in the year will be

- 1) To continue to address digital poverty and the needs of the local community in terms of digital skills with the end of the Big Lottery Funding support in March 2025.
- 2) Increase the management team of the charity to better meet the staff, charity and community needs.
- 3) To continue to provide and develop the social activities to help people regarding mental health and loneliness and isolation. This work linking in with partners and referral agencies while building on the work of the Mental Health Collective.
- 4) To continue to address food and fuel poverty to meet community need.
- 5) To maintain the staff team with the end of the UKSPF programme in March 2024 and the National Lottery Community Fund in March 2025.
- 6) To find fit for purpose premises for furbd and help to develop its sustainability through the e-commerce platform.
- 7) To develop the partnership with business in the community to review the current premises and potential cost savings through building improvements.
- 8) New sources of funding are being continually sought to ensure adequate funding to maximise the delivery of our Purposes and Aims to the community. Adequate financial resources are held to meet current and future liabilities of the Charity and to fulfil our Reserves policy.

#### Structure, governance and management

##### Governing document

The organisation is a Christian based charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 27 December 1995 and registered as a charity on 15 December 1999. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which establishes the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr P J Winstone

Mr J Kearney

Mrs L P Sowerby

Dr A Knight

Mr G Rodgers

##### Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout the report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The trustees are appointed according to the constitution of the organisation. One third of the trustees are required to retire from office at each AGM. A retiring trustee is eligible for re-election.

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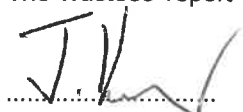
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### *Organisational structure*

The executive committee met 4 times between August 2023 and July 2024 to review activities, consider the financial position and to decide strategy and procedures.

The chief executive, who is responsible to and reports to the Executive Committee, oversees the day to day work of the charity.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr J Kearney  
Trustee

Date: 24/4/25

# THE HOPE FOUNDATION LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HOPE FOUNDATION LIMITED

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Hope Foundation Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 July 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**Beverley Goodall BA BFP FCA**

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Dated: 24/4/25

# THE HOPE FOUNDATION LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
<b>Charitable activities</b>							
Grants and contracts	3	271,645	249,572	521,217	300,879	133,309	434,188
Café income	3	45,092	-	45,092	30,428	-	30,428
Investments	4	8,490	-	8,490	3,402	-	3,402
Other income	5	34,034	-	34,034	49,796	-	49,796
<b>Total income</b>		<b>359,261</b>	<b>249,572</b>	<b>608,833</b>	<b>384,505</b>	<b>133,309</b>	<b>517,814</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	6	392,195	241,002	633,197	397,686	119,331	517,017
Other expenditure	12	-	-	-	124	-	124
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>392,195</b>	<b>241,002</b>	<b>633,197</b>	<b>397,810</b>	<b>119,331</b>	<b>517,141</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(32,934)</b>	<b>8,570</b>	<b>(24,364)</b>	<b>(13,305)</b>	<b>13,978</b>	<b>673</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>							
		43,517	(43,517)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	8	<b>10,583</b>	<b>(34,947)</b>	<b>(24,364)</b>	<b>(13,305)</b>	<b>13,978</b>	<b>673</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 August 2023		641,336	61,860	703,196	654,641	47,882	702,523
<b>Fund balances at 31 July 2024</b>		<b>651,919</b>	<b>26,913</b>	<b>678,832</b>	<b>641,336</b>	<b>61,860</b>	<b>703,196</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		359,727		388,833
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	14	12,491		-	
Debtors	15	79,916		109,152	
Cash at bank and in hand		487,229		228,917	
		579,636		338,069	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(260,531)		(23,706)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			319,105		314,363
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			678,832		703,196
<b>Net assets</b>			678,832		703,196
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	18		26,913		61,860
Unrestricted funds			651,919		641,336
			678,832		703,196

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24/4/25

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Mr J Kearney  
Trustee

Company registration number 03141290 (England and Wales)

# THE HOPE FOUNDATION LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	24		250,484		(15,086)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(662)		(1,944)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		120	
Investment income received		8,490		3,402	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			7,828		1,578
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			258,312		(13,508)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			228,917		242,425
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			487,229		228,917

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The Hope Foundation Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Hope House, 1 Grange Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 5BA

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Gifts of fixed assets are included within donations in the Statement of Financial Activities at their estimated market value and capitalised in the balance sheet. Intangible income, which comprises donated services, is included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne where such cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised when there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and other Covid support grants are accounted for on an accruals basis and are included in other income.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost on buildings
Fixtures and fittings	20% on reducing balance
Computers	50% on reducing balance and 20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### 1.13 Voluntary services

In addition to recorded incoming resources, the charity received the benefit of many voluntary hours and unclaimed out of pocket expenses contributed to by its supporters. It would be impossible to place a value on all these services and expenses, without which much of the work undertaken could not be achieved and for which the charity is extremely grateful.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Grants and Café income contracts			Total	Grants and Café income contracts			Total
	2024	2024		2024	2023	2023		2023
	£	£		£	£	£		£
Services provided under contract	521,217	-		521,217	434,188	-		434,188
Ancillary trading income	-	45,092		45,092	-	30,428		30,428
	<u>521,217</u>	<u>45,092</u>		<u>566,309</u>	<u>434,188</u>	<u>30,428</u>		<u>464,616</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>								
Unrestricted funds	271,645	45,092		1,132,618	300,879	30,428		331,307
Restricted funds	249,572	-		249,572	133,309	-		133,309
	<u>521,217</u>	<u>45,092</u>		<u>1,382,190</u>	<u>434,188</u>	<u>30,428</u>		<u>464,616</u>

#### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	<u>8,490</u>	<u>3,402</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Sundry income	25,589	38,996
Room hire	2,005	4,260
Car park	1,440	1,540
Employment allowance	5,000	5,000
	<u>34,034</u>	<u>49,796</u>

### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £
Staff costs	395,858	327,544
Depreciation and impairment	29,768	30,748
Other charitable expenditure	171,046	121,454
	<u>596,672</u>	<u>479,746</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>		
Governance	36,525	37,271
	<u>633,197</u>	<u>517,017</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	392,195	397,686
Restricted funds	241,002	119,331
	<u>633,197</u>	<u>517,017</u>

### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	<u>36,525</u>	<u>37,271</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Charitable Expenditure	<u>36,525</u>	<u>37,271</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

8	Net movement in funds	2024 £	2023 £
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,640	2,640
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	29,768	30,748
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	124
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 9 Trustees

One or more of the trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the charity. This remuneration is only received in respect of services they provide as employees under their contracts of employment and not in respect of their services as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

Mrs L P Sowerby

- Remuneration £807 (2023: £6,353)
- Employer's pension contributions £22 (2023: £191)

There were no expenses paid to trustees for the year ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 July 2023.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Charitable Activities	14	11
Managment and administration	3	3
Total	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	364,824	310,868
Social security costs	33,886	21,789
Other pension costs	16,642	13,018
	<u>415,352</u>	<u>345,675</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

#### 10 Employees

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##### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	53,975	49,029

#### 11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 12 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	124
	-	124

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 August 2023	557,262	200,834	68,243	826,339
Additions	-	662	-	662
At 31 July 2024	557,262	201,496	68,243	827,001
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 August 2023	217,677	176,968	42,861	437,506
Depreciation charged in the year	11,399	4,799	13,570	29,768
At 31 July 2024	229,076	181,767	56,431	467,274
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 July 2024	328,186	19,729	11,812	359,727
At 31 July 2023	339,585	23,866	25,382	388,833

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

### 14 Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Raw materials and consumables	12,491	-

### 15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	46,728	36,440
Other debtors	359	5,829
Prepayments and accrued income	32,829	66,883
	79,916	109,152

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	5,430	5,268
Trade creditors	12,883	5,661
Accruals and deferred income	242,218	12,777
	260,531	23,706

### 17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	2024 £	2023 £
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	16,642	13,018

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

#### 18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 August 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2024 £
Tees Valley Business Fund	2,432	-	(1,620)	-	812
CDCF National Emergencies Trust Covid 19 Fund	1,650	-	(990)	-	660
Awards for All (Fun, food and friendship)	4,113	-	(850)	-	3,263
Good Things Foundation- Everyone Thrives/Make It Click	600	-	(300)	-	300
Access Foundation	33,281	-	(33,281)	-	-
Awards for All (2013)	1,404	-	(138)	-	1,266
Awards for All (2011)	177	-	(79)	-	98
Big Lottery Fund	18,203	-	(189)	-	18,014
DWP - Access4Work (Cafe)	-	18,932	(18,932)	-	-
Good Things Foundation - Digital Inclusion Grant	-	6,000	(160)	(3,340)	2,500
Teesside University - Participatory Research Fund	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Northern Gas - Centre for Warmth	-	14,287	(14,287)	-	-
Teesside University - Digital Inclusion Project	-	152,158	(120,047)	(32,111)	-
Big Lottery - Furbdit	-	55,695	(47,629)	(8,066)	-
	<u>61,860</u>	<u>249,572</u>	<u>(241,002)</u>	<u>(43,517)</u>	<u>26,913</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

#### 18 Restricted funds

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Previous year:	At 1 August 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2023 £
National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities CDCF/ Darlington Building Society	-	61,252	(61,252)	-	-
Thirteen	6,734	-	(6,734)	-	-
ESF Community Grant	7,668	-	(7,668)	-	-
Tees Valley Business Fund	-	4,721	(4,721)	-	-
CDCF National Emergencies Trust Covid 19 Fund	4,052	-	(1,620)	-	2,432
Awards for All (Fun, food and friendship)	2,640	-	(990)	-	1,650
Good Things Foundation- Everyone Thrives/Make it click	5,141	-	(1,028)	-	4,113
Access Foundation	900	-	(300)	-	600
Covid Recovery Grant (Middlesbrough Council)	-	40,736	(7,455)	-	33,281
Awards for All (2013)	565	-	(565)	-	-
Awards for All (2011)	1,491	-	(87)	-	1,404
Big Lottery Fund	278	-	(101)	-	177
UKSPF	18,413	-	(210)	-	18,203
	-	26,600	(26,600)	-	-
	<u>47,882</u>	<u>133,309</u>	<u>(119,331)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,860</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

#### 18 Restricted funds

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##### Restricted Funds

Community Fund (2022) - funding to employ two staff with a contribution to overheads to develop the work of Furbdit.

CDCF/Darlington Building Society (2022) - provision of a safe social space and activities for people to get involved and participate after Covid.

Community Fund (Big lottery Fund) Ageing Better Middlesbrough (2015-2022) - working with local residents who are aged 50+ to reduce loneliness and isolation and increase digital inclusion and community development.

Thirteen (2021) - funding to develop the work of furbdit

ESF Community Grant (2021) - to deliver information, advice and guidance to adults, in Tees Valley, enabling them to make better career choices.

CDCF Coronavirus Community Support Fund: Connectivity Rules (2022) - set up of a device library and connectivity support for people 1) shielding 2) self-isolating 3) no connectivity 4) lonely or isolated.

Tees Valley Business Fund (2020) - funding towards a new computer network. This fund is depreciated in line with the depreciation policy for the asset classes.

CDCF National Emergencies Trust Covid 19 Fund (2020) - purchase staff laptops to enable staff to work from home during the Covid lockdowns. This fund is depreciated in line with the depreciation policy for the asset classes.

Awards for All (Fun, food and friendship) (2020) - utilised in October 2021 to upgrade and get the café ready to reopen after Covid. This fund is depreciated in line with the depreciation policy for the asset classes.

Good Things Foundation- Everyone Thrives/Make it click (2020) - funding to help improve people's life and work outcomes through the use of digital technology. supply 4 computers and staff time.

CDCF National Emergencies Trust Covid 19 Fund (2020) - funded the development of [www.furbdit.org.uk](http://www.furbdit.org.uk) website to 1) records the collection of unwanted devices 2) manage the process of receiving and recycling devices 3) the distribution of the devices in the community.

Middlesbrough Council Covid Recovery Grant (2020) - supporting Middlesbrough residents coming out of Covid.

Awards for All (2013) - a capital grant for café and outdoor furniture and byke bins. This fund is depreciated in line with the depreciation policy for the asset classes.

Awards for All (2011) - a grant towards development of the cybercafé, reception and café area.

Big Lottery Fund (2007) - a grant to provide and refurbish a new classroom, purchase new equipment and contribution to overheads to support the integration and education project. This fund is depreciated with the depreciation policy for the asset classes.

Northern Gas - Centre for Warmth - helping people with their utility bills tackling the cost of living and fuel crisis. Helping vulnerable people register on the priority service register and learn about the effects of carbon monoxide and also having access to carbon monoxide alarms residents are supported. Other benefits of the project include healthy eating and the distribution of slow cookers.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

#### 19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 August 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 July 2024 £
General funds	641,336	359,261	(392,195)	43,517	651,919
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 August 2022 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 July 2023 £</b>
General funds	654,641	384,505	(397,810)	-	641,336

#### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 July 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	337,735	21,992	359,727
Current assets/(liabilities)	314,184	4,921	319,105
	651,919	26,913	678,832
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>At 31 July 2023:</b>			
Tangible assets	362,675	26,158	388,833
Current assets/(liabilities)	278,661	35,702	314,363
	641,336	61,860	703,196

#### 21 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

Grants receivable may be repayable in part or in full if certain conditions associated with the grants are not met.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 22 Limited by guarantee

The company does not have share capital, but every member of the company undertakes to contribute such an amount, not exceeding £1, as may be required, to the assets of the company if it should be wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease as a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease as a member and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights for the contributories among themselves.

### 23 Related party transactions

During the year, Sue Kearney, wife of John Kearney, a trustee, was paid remuneration in respect of services she provided as CEO under a contract of employment with the charity. Details are covered in note 10 under remuneration of key management personnel.

24	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	2024 £	2023 £
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(24,364)	673
	<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(8,490)	(3,402)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	124
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	29,768	30,748
	<b>Movements in working capital:</b>		
	(Increase) in stocks	(12,491)	-
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,236	(42,280)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	236,825	(949)
	<b>Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<b>250,484</b>	<b>(15,086)</b>

### 25 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.