

The Hope Centre - St Helens

Charity number 1103903

A Company limited by guarantee number 05089663

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

The Hope Centre - St Helens

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees		Position	Dates
	Mr J Ryan	Chair	
	Rev J P Fell		till June 2021
	Mr J Cooper		till December 2021
	Mr T Kelly		
	Rev C Lawrenson		
	Mrs J Webster		
Project Director	Mrs A Metcalfe		
Company Secretary	Mrs B Barton		
Charity Number	1103903		
Company Number	05089663		
Principal address	The Hope Centre St Helens Christian Life Centre Atherton Street St Helens Merseyside WA10 2DT		
Bankers	Virgin Money 6 Bridge Street St Helens WA10 1NF		
Independent Examiner	Jane Williams MAAT Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action Beacon Building College Street St Helens WA10 1TF		

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Report of the Board of Trustees

THE TRUSTEES:

The Trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Mr J Ryan
Mr T Kelly
Rev Craig Lawrenson
Mrs J Webster

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

The Hope Centre is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. As such its activities are overseen by a board of trustees who are also directors of the company. However the day to day running of the charity is overseen by the Hope Centre Director and the Chair of Trustees.

The date of incorporation of the charity was 31 March 2004 and the date of appointment of the first Trustee was 4 April 2004. Currently the Board is made up of four members. The Hope Centre continues to rent its office and training accommodation from St Helens Christian Life Centre. In addition Hope House, the homeless day centre is leased from St Helens Borough Council.

Trustees on appointment are provided with the Charity Commission documentation for trustees, outlining roles and responsibilities. In addition briefing papers are provided from the management to all new trustees.

Trustees are normally appointed for a period of 3 years after which they must be re-elected at the next annual meeting. The Trustees Board has met on four occasions during this year for full Board meetings with a further 3 meetings for Business Planning strategy meetings.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE:

A Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for determining the Hope Centre's strategic direction, approving capital and revenue expenditure and monitoring performance and is comprised of a Chair, and six other Trustee Board Members.

The trustees of the Charity are drawn from a range of backgrounds with some being members of the founding church whilst others are not. Trustees members are drawn from within the third sector, the financial and business sectors. All the Trustees give their time voluntarily.

An Executive Management Team is comprised of the Chair of Trustees and the Project Director who assume overall responsibility, with support from staff team leaders, for executing the strategic and financial plan.

Finance and Administration is managed by the Hope Centre Director with the support of two volunteers and finance issues are reported to the Management Team and Trustees.

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Finance and Administration staff manage the day to day financial position of the Charity as well as producing end of year accounts, liaising with banks and auditors. All monitoring of service users/learners achievement of project targets and completion of monitoring reports are carried out by this team. Major reports for funders are collated and produced. The significant volunteer data base is also managed within the team as are new applications for funding under the direction of the Hope Centre Director.

Operational Management is delegated by the trustees to the Project Director and 3 team leaders responsible for Hope House homeless services, the Training department, the Foodbank and Engage Community projects. The Project Director has overall responsibility for the operational and performance management and quality framework and responsibility for priorities through specific project development, service delivery, tailored interventions and training, service improvements, joint networking practices and general administration.

Four Operational Teams of staff and volunteers support the Project Director. Training, Advice, Advocacy and Support Services, Hope House - Homeless Provision; Engage Community Projects; St Helens Foodbank. Finance and administrative staff who report directly to the Hope Centre Director. Regular operational meetings take place with the Project Director & Team Leaders who then report to the Executive Management Team (E.M.T). General staff meetings take place monthly and staff training away days bi-annually.

RELATED PARTIES:

The Hope Centre was established by the St Helens Christian Life Centre (Elim Pentecostal Church) from which the Charity rents its accommodation and to whom a contribution is made for facilities, such as copiers, and utilities. In addition the Church makes donations to support the work of the Charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Management Team and Trustees continually consider the impact of our financial position and stability at their regular Trustee meetings. Attention continues to be focused on reviewing the current strategies and planning effectively for the future. New services and training opportunities continue to be a focus as is promoting the work in order to attract longer term funding. The Trustees, in conjunction with the Director, identify and review major risks which may affect the stability and successful operation of the Charity. Action is then planned and implemented, as far as possible, to minimise or remove the identified risk. The Trustees, together with the Director continue to review the long-term future viability of the Charity, particularly with a view to reducing dependence on a single stream of funding and report to trustees. Long term sustainability continues to be a challenge as longer term funding opportunities and increased donation income are sought. Financial viability is continually monitored and addressed throughout the year in management team meetings and at trustee's meetings.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and anti-fraud policies. Measures are also in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, service users, learners and visitors.

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OBJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE:

Public Benefit Statement

The principal aim of the Hope Centre – St Helens is to improve the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the borough of St Helens.

The Trustees believe that the services provided by the Hope Centre - St Helens are compliant with the Charities Commission Guidance on Public Benefit and the public benefit is further exemplified in the following statements of Activity and Performance, and Future Development Plans.

Objects of The Hope Centre - St Helens

The Charity's objects (revised December 2011) contained within the governing document are:

1. to advance the christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of belief appearing in the schedule hereto in St. Helens and in such other parts of the United Kingdom as the Trustees may from time to time think fit and in so doing to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Trust
2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.
 - a) For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; homelessness or poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards).
3. to prevent or relieve poverty in St. Helens by providing: education, training and support services to individuals in need

Hope Centre Strategic Objectives

The Hope Centre, in partnership where appropriate, will work with vulnerable and/or disadvantaged people to:

1. empower them for positive behaviour change and improved life choices
2. improve their social, economic, physical, psychological and spiritual well-being
3. prepare them for and help sustain their independent living
4. encourage their responsible participation in society

The Hope Centre employs an inclusive approach and provides relevant social care services and training for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people and adults, and does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion, belief or age.

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HOPE CENTRE COVID RESPONSE 2021-2022

Introduction

As we exited the pandemic periods in the UK, the lockdowns which impacted provision of service drew to a close. Following statutory guidance, Hope Centre projects were opened to maximum capacity engaging with the local community.

As envisaged our services were impacted in one way or another. However, the Hope Centre, as designated by the local authority worked as an essential service for two main areas of our work: Foodbank and homeless services.

Impact on Charity's operations and activities

The impact of the pandemic remained throughout 2021-2022, however as the financial year drew to a close, restrictions have been eased and full-service delivery has resumed. Our COVID response is now a permanent addendum within our health and safety policy and is reviewed annually.

ACTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021

Volunteers

Our volunteers are a major part of enabling support and delivery of all our projects. They represent a wide range of local churches, other organisations and individuals from our community who have heard of our projects and want to give back. Specifically, they volunteer in Foodbank, Hope House, Baby-Basics, Make Lunch and in supporting the administration of the Hope Centre. COVID-19 and social distancing restrictions affected many of our team of volunteers. Some volunteers had to self-isolate and projects had to adapt accordingly. However, this has not adversely impacted on the number of volunteering hours completed in year.

Total Volunteers: 95 who have completed at least 2 hours in a month

Total Volunteer Hours: 10105

Value to The Hope Centre: £95,997.5 (Based on minimum wage of £9.50/hr)

HOPE CENTRE TRAINING

Breathe Mental Health – Breathe Employability

After pausing the on-line delivery in agreement with the WEA-ESF, course funder, delivery returned to in-person sessions ensuring prevailing covid-19 guidelines were followed and reasonable precautions of distancing and PPE being made available to everyone involved.

The course was completed December 2021 with five cohorts being delivered – uptake had been less than anticipated and this was attributed to on-going post-pandemic anxiety. 20 individuals who completed 80% reported significant improvements to their self-esteem & self-confidence, 2 gained full-time employment, 1 successfully completed a work-placement and 1 entered into volunteering.

There had been an underspend on the WEA-ESF funded course which has been notified to the funder and a reduction in number of participants recruited.

Despite the potential negatives there has been great progressions outlined below

Learner initials and brief bio – the enrolment criteria for this Funding was the individual to be aged 19+, British citizen and unemployed.

- AH: referred onto the course by 'Households Into Work', started the course being financially supported by their mother. Four weeks in he started claiming Universal Credit gaining financial independence.
- JC: referred onto the course by Stephenson's JC had learning difficulties and diagnosed with autism. JC finished the course early after getting a work placement with local drone flying company.
- EM self-referred onto the course and succeeded in securing an interview and subsequently gaining full time employment.

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- JM referred onto the course by 'Households Into Work' self-enrolled onto an online mental health awareness, and level 2 information advice and guidance, was invited to volunteer on subsequent Breathe courses, and has recently gained full time employment.

We celebrate these successes, whilst recognising these are not achieved in isolation but is in many cases the result of the full wrap around support from the referral agency, Breathe course and participants' willingness to engage.

One in house funded role was delivered with 80% of participants completing the course

- Referral Agency Quote: In my previous and current role when dealing with clients who have little self-belief and are dealing with stress, anxiety and depression. I have always championed the Hope Centre's Breathe course. The understanding and caring approach of both the Tutor and Hope Centre staff has such a positive effect on people.

I have witnessed the difference it has made in their outlook and self-belief helping them to move forward and better able to address situations. Helping clients feel more comfortable in engaging with other people and in some cases starting to volunteer, consider training and gain employment. In partnership work I advocate to other services the difference it can make to a person's life no matter how small.

Digital Skills & Computer Club

A business-critical decision was made to halt delivery of digital skills in its pre-existing format. This decision was made due to the layout of the IT Suite not being conducive to safe delivery and maximizing learner outcomes.

The above sessions needed to be paused and re-established when social distancing guidelines meant that delivery would be carried out safely.

Pop-Up Project

In response to the Ukraine Refugee crisis the Hope Centre was proud to be involved in relief work by acting as a drop off centre for clothes, toiletries and other sundries.

English & Maths

Basics Skills – delivered at the Hope Centre by St Helens College tutor. This service was terminated by college due to COVID. There is currently no suggestion that this offer will be reinstated.

HOPE HOUSE - ADVICE, ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT CENTRE

Hope House has continued to support those who are experiencing homelessness and those who are at risk of homelessness throughout the year. Following the pandemic, we have adopted a more targeted approach to addressing the needs of the individuals that access our service. This is included addressing any form of physical or mental health needs by offering referrals and working closely with local agencies such as 'Maximum Edge CIC' to deliver high quality interventions. Throughout this year, we have supported 326 individuals with our service users engaging in 13155 interventions. Our volunteers have been a key part of our service at Hope House having completed a recorded 3112 hours voluntary work providing a successful service with clear indications of improvement across all our regular service users.

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ADVICE AND SUPPORT

There has been a total of 3321 interventions in the period. The majority of these were basic needs based, including food, showers, clothing, etc. This is because we were transitioning between premises at the time. We also had issues with the recording of the information in this period with the majority of the interventions recorded as Standard Brief Interventions, regardless of the category. Because of this it is impossible for us to break down the figures without going through every recording. The interventions consisted of the following categories.

- Foodbank Referrals
- Benefit support
- Housing Support
- Probation
- Physical and mental health
- Drug and Alcohol
- Laundry
- Showers
- Meals
- Debt advice
- Access to GP's, Hospital, and dentists
- One to one
- Activities

ST HELENS FOODBANK

St. Helens Foodbank continues to be very active with 5117 vouchers fulfilled and having fed a total of 8433 people; 5373 Adults; 3060 Children over the past year. This is an increase of 2,410 people attending foodbank from the previous year.

We have seen a huge increase in people attending foodbank from January due to the rise in cost of living.

We have also seen a decrease in donations and have seen our lowest ever stock levels since we began in 2012 with people who were once foodbank donators, now not able to give due to their own changing circumstances.

Our new member of staff Mark D'Sa, who is our Volunteer Coordinator, has recruited new volunteers to cover various vacant roles within the foodbank which has helped to keep the smooth running of the hubs and the pickups and deliveries of the food.

Our volunteers are a fantastic team of people who are dedicated and work hard to keep the operational side of the foodbank running smoothly.

The E-Referral voucher system is still running alongside the Red Voucher referrals as many agency staff are still working from home. We also still call on the VCA volunteers from time to time to deliver food parcels to those people who are unable to get out to collect their food parcels.

ENGAGE PROJECT 2021-22

The Hope Centre Baby-Basics project is a response to the growing need for practical help for new mothers and families unable to afford the basic essential and equipment necessary to look after new born babies. This project is delivered in partnership with many local churches and partner agencies within the town.

92 baskets were given out from April 2021 to March 2022.

Make Lunch

Make Lunch has not restarted in-person events since Covid-19, and is looking like it will transform from Make Lunch TLG into a Christian Life Centre version, supported by The Hope Centre. 28 Food Boxes were given out to families at Easter.

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HOPE CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS DURING 2021-2022

The major challenge for the Charity continues to be the raising of funds. The Management Team and Trustees considered the impact of this at their regular meetings. Hope Centre aims to be stronger, more agile, more innovative and adaptable to the new funding environment and to continue to develop new opportunities, investigate new potential partnerships and programmes, which can attract new funding.

Partnerships this year

- Health & Wellbeing Partnerships
- Crisis – Skylight Team
- Citizens Advice St Helens
- St Helens Job Centre
- St Helens Third Sector Consortium
- Salvation Army Lifehouse [St Helens]
- Housing Options
- St Helens Social Inclusion & Disability Network
- Asda & Tesco's
- Green Pastures
- TLG
- Baby Basics

CHANGING COMMUNITIES – CIC

The CIC was officially formed on 30th March 2017.

The vision statement is "We will positively help change communities and improve people's lives", with the tag line "Changing Communities – one life at time".

The mission statement is "We shall positively support people and communities to help them develop their sense of belonging, increase local involvement and help them have the confidence to make new life choices".

The CIC Directors and Management Team have focused delivery on 'the Restore – St Helens Project'.

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| • Number of volunteers | 19 |
| • Volunteer Hours | 4742 |
| • Tonnage | 23691kg |
| • Customer Commissions | 44 |
| • Families helped for free | 34 |
| • Welfare Asst Vouchers | 61 |

This is for the period April 2021 to March 2022.

As part of the Hope Centre development process, a volunteer skills audit is being undertaken. It is hoped this may provide volunteers with customer service, furniture restorations skills and communications skills to staff the project.

The Christian ethos of the project with the God of restoration and hope at the centre of the project, is restoring the lives (practically and spiritually) of those involved.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW:

The Charity's principal source of funding continues to be grant funding. Trustees and the Management team aim to maintain financial stability and considerable attention has therefore been given to identifying new income sources as well as encouraging one-off donations. In addition to grants from the local Council, local and national funders are approached to invest in our projects. Major funders in 2021-2022 include:

St Helens MBC, Steve Morgan Foundation, Halton and St Helens VCA, Pilkington Charity, Torus Foundation, PH Holt Foundation, Albert Hunt, VOLA Consortium, LFC Foundation, Screwfix, B&Q Foundation, Brabners LLP, John Moores Foundation, The Trussell Trust, Awards for All, Albert Gubay.

Thanks to these and to the many smaller donors who have supported us during the year. This includes a large number of individuals who have made regular and one-off donations.

Like most charities, the Hope Centre's major challenge is to secure grant funding. This obviously affects the services it can provide. The Trustees have been aiming to achieve a balanced budget and to increase our current level of unrestricted reserves. This will provide a safety net that will allow us to maintain basic services.

INVESTMENT POLICIES:

The charity currently has no investments, or investment income

RESERVES:

The charity has an agreed reserves policy. In addition to Unrestricted Funds, it restricted funds and monies invested in fixed assets.

Trustees have noted the Charity Commission guidance and the ambition is to hold at least three months' (13 weeks) running costs in unrestricted reserves. While we have are not achieving this so far, our aim is to build up reserves to achieve this in the medium-term. At year end our Unrestricted Funds were £101,195.

There have been no serious incidents to report in this financial year. Our auditors have worked closely with us to minimise risk and strengthen financial processes and procedures

RESULTS:

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Charity appointed Jane Williams of Greater Merseyside Accountancy Service as its examiner for this year, subject to annual review.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For the year ended 31st March 2021

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Hope Centre - St Helens for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th January 2023

John Ryan

Mr John Ryan
Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of
The Hope Centre - St Helens
for the year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Hope Centre - St Helens for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of The Hope Centre - St Helens (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Jane Williams

Jane Williams
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Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service
Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action
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27th January 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(2)	69,251	67,779	137,030	188,510
Charitable activities	(3)	19,853	220,261	240,114	201,585
Other income		-	-	-	1,111
Investment income	(4)	-	-	-	24
Total		<u>89,105</u>	<u>288,040</u>	<u>377,144</u>	<u>391,230</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	-(5)	(54,719)	(194,577)	(249,296)	(238,703)
Net (expenditure) / income		<u>34,386</u>	<u>93,463</u>	<u>127,848</u>	<u>152,527</u>
Transfers between funds	(15)	2,008	-	2,008	-
Net movement in funds		<u>36,394</u>	<u>93,463</u>	<u>129,856</u>	<u>152,527</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		64,801	240,905	305,706	153,179
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		<u>101,195</u>	<u>334,368</u>	<u>435,562</u>	<u>305,706</u>

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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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	(2)	53,148	135,362	188,510
Charitable activities	(3)	-	201,585	201,585
Investments	(4)	24	-	24
Other Income		1,111	-	1,111
Total		<u>54,283</u>	<u>336,947</u>	<u>391,230</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(5)	(33,506)	(205,197)	(238,703)
Net (expenditure) / income		<u>20,777</u>	<u>131,750</u>	<u>152,527</u>
Transfers between funds	(15a)	(62,150)	62,150	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(41,373)</u>	<u>193,900</u>	<u>152,527</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		106,174	47,005	153,179
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u>64,801</u>	<u>240,905</u>	<u>305,706</u>

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

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Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	(10)	93,459	335
Total fixed assets		<u>93,459</u>	<u>335</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	(12)	19,335	20,632
Cash at bank and in hand		322,768	318,340
Total current assets		<u>342,103</u>	<u>338,971</u>
Current liabilities:			
amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	(13)	-	33,600
Total current liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>33,600</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>342,103</u>	<u>305,371</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>435,562</u>	<u>305,706</u>
Funds			
Restricted Funds	(15)	334,368	173,905
Designated Funds		-	67,000
Unrestricted funds		101,195	64,801
		<u>435,562</u>	<u>305,706</u>

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 March 2022

the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, and

the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, the the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the trustees on 27th January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

John Ryan

John Ryan (Chair)
Trustee

Company registration number 05089663

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Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) per SOFA	129,856	152,527
Depreciation	10,414	9,852
Investment Income	-	(24)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	1,297	13,955
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(33,600)	832
Capital	(103,539)	-
	<u>4,428</u>	<u>177,142</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	-	24
	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash:	4,428	177,166
Total cash as at 1 April 2021	318,340	141,174
Total cash as at 31 March 2022	<u>322,768</u>	<u>318,340</u>

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Hope Centre, St Helens Christian Life Centre, Atherton Street, St Helens, WA10 2DT.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, "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 Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006 as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

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

1.2 Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

1.3 Charitable funds

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

1.4 Incoming resources

- (a) Income is recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income; receipt is probable; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (b) Where income has related expenditure (e.g. Foodbank), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.
- (c) Bank interest is recognised when credited to the account.
- (d) Income, which is subject to conditions that the charity has yet to fulfil, or which is specifically for use in a future accounting period, is treated as deferred income.

1.5 Resources expended

- (a) Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- (c) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

- (a) Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at their value on receipt.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value or its expected useful life, as follows:

Long Leased property	15 years straight line basis
Fixtures & fittings	15 years straight line basis
Office Equipment	3 years straight line basis

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

1.7 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.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

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.

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2 Donations and legacies

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations	41,542	57,050	98,592	120,510
Donations from CLC	2,410	-	2,410	2,950
Donation from Local Authority	25,299	10,729	36,028	65,000
Donations from Trussell Trust	-	-	-	50
	<u>69,251</u>	<u>67,779</u>	<u>137,030</u>	<u>188,510</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2021	<u>188,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,510</u>	
Grants receivable for core activities				
St Helens Borough Council	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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3a Charitable activities	Centre Activities	Foodbank	Training & Outreach	Homeless Shelter	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Performance related grants & Contracts						
Henry Smith	-	-	-	-	-	40,000
Medicash	-	-	-	-	-	7,500
The Steve Morgan Foundation	12,870	-	-	-	12,870	40,740
Homeless Link	-	-	-	-	-	16,707
Rathbone	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
LCVS	1,250	-	-	-	1,250	1,500
Halton & St Helens VCA	18,275	-	-	-	18,275	5,000
Imperial Harold Percival Group	-	-	-	-	-	2,700
Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	4,993
Pilkington Charity	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Torus Foundation	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	11,500
Coalfields	-	-	-	-	-	5,810
LFC Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	14,000
PH Holt Foundation	7,886	-	-	-	7,886	-
Albert Hunt	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-
VOLA Consortium	10,729	-	-	-	10,729	-
Screwfix	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-
B&Q Foundation	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-
Brabners LLP	7,500	-	-	-	7,500	-
John Moores Foundation	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-
The Trussell Trust	-	31,065	-	-	31,065	-
Awards for All	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-
Albert Gubay	67,530	-	-	-	67,530	-
Other small grants	-	-	-	-	-	11,730
Groundwork	500	-	-	-	500	-
CoOp Community Fund	1,327	-	-	-	1,327	-
Neighbourly Foundation	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
Jerusalem Trust	1,250	-	-	-	1,250	-
Buckingham Newsquest	1,201	-	-	-	1,201	-
Help the Homeless	-	-	-	2,174	2,174	-
Other Income	18,400	2,519	-	411	21,330	19,145
Services Provided	13,227	-	-	-	13,227	15,260
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	203,945	33,584	-	2,585	240,114	201,585
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	1,111
	-	-	-	-	-	1,111

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5a Expenditure on Charitable activities	Support Costs	Centre Activities	Foodbank	Training & outreach	Homeless Shelter	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	75,013	3,598	35,317	-	44,546	158,475	163,971
Staff Travel	146	63	147		58	414	
Rent	4,215	-	1,454	1,155	- 18,865	- 12,041	12,950
Light and heat	-	-	-		4,772	4,772	2,996
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	3		324	327	1,563
Insurance	-	-	1,004		1,004	2,009	2,583
Other establishment	-	300	-		-	300	300
Other motor/travel costs	300	25	2,680	-	20	3,025	3,219
Legal and professional fees	1,428	751	9,373	1,213	10,632	23,396	1,924
Telephone	119	346	2,105		1,852	4,422	9,593
Other office costs	4,588	495	225	507	2,555	8,372	5,358
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	10,414	10,414	9,852
Consumables	2,096	4,129	11,322	55	2,535	20,137	16,808
Materials, equipment and resources	309	507	36	-	14,368	15,220	5,917
Promotional activities	168	20	90	-	-	278	374
Volunteer expenses	258	145	649	86	13	1,150	935
Training & outreach - tutor costs	480	108	320	480	72	1,460	360
Sundry Expenses	2,164	1,089	2,029	74	1,812	7,168	-
6 Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	91,285	11,576	66,754	3,569	76,112	249,296	238,703

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6 Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent Examination	-	-
Administration	-	-
Trustee expenses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses	2022	2021
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year no trustees received any remuneration or expenses (2020: 0)

8 Employees	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	148,215	152,254
Employer's NI	6,943	8,306
Pension	3,317	3,411
	<u>158,475</u>	<u>163,971</u>

Number of employees	2022	2021
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	Number	Number
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

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

	2022	2021
Key management of the charity received employee benefits (including pension contributions) totalling	<u>20,508</u>	<u>21,217</u>

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9 Tangible assets

	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	170,000	900	47,478	218,378
Additions	-	103,538	-	103,538
At 31 March 2022	<u>170,000</u>	<u>104,438</u>	<u>47,478</u>	<u>321,916</u>
 <u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1 April 2021	170,000	565	47,478	218,043
Charge for year	-	10,414	-	10,414
At 31 March 2022	<u>170,000</u>	<u>10,979</u>	<u>47,478</u>	<u>228,457</u>
 <u>Net book value</u>				
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>93,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,459</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>335</u>

10 Financial Instruments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at cost	342,103	338,710
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at cost	-	33,600

11 Debtors and prepayments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,004	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	262
Other debtors	18,330	20,370
	<u>19,335</u>	<u>20,632</u>

12 Creditors and accruals

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	33,600
Accruals and deferred income	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>33,600</u>

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13 Retirement benefit schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

14 Restricted funds

The Income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes: The charity supports the shortfall of funding on these programmes from reserves to ensure continuity of service.

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
Food Bank	96,707	84,254	(66,754)	-	114,207
Baby Basics	3,522	19,645	(11,576)	-	11,591
Hope House Homeless Centre	63,757	62,834	(41,744)	-	84,847
Hope House 2	67,000	95,339	(34,368)	-	127,971
COVID 19	4,296	13,098	(17,394)	-	-
The Steve Morgan Fdtn	6,302	12,870	(19,172)	-	-
Training Fund	(679)	-	(3,569)	-	(4,248)
	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>240,905</u>	<u>288,040</u>	<u>(194,577)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>334,368</u>

14a Comparative Movement in funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
Food Bank	28,257	117,140	(48,690)	-	96,707
Baby Basics	-	11,257	(7,735)	-	3,522
Building for the future	8,783	-	(8,783)	-	-
Hope House Homeless Centre	5,099	157,502	(98,844)	-	63,757
Hope House 2	-	-	-	67,000	67,000
Public Health	3,144	-	-	(3,144)	-
Local Sustainability Fund	1,591	-	-	(1,591)	-
COVID 19	-	25,308	(21,012)	-	4,296
The Steve Morgan Fdtn	-	25,740	(19,438)	-	6,302
Training Fund	16	-	(695)	-	(679)
Faith to Talk	115	-	-	(115)	-
	<u>47,005</u>	<u>336,947</u>	<u>(205,197)</u>	<u>62,150</u>	<u>240,905</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	275	-	275
Current assets / (liabilities)	-	334,368	334,368
	<u>275</u>	<u>334,368</u>	<u>334,643</u>
Comparative at 31 March 2021			
Current assets / (liabilities)	<u>64,801</u>	<u>240,905</u>	<u>305,706</u>

16 Transactions with trustees and related parties

As two of the trustees of The Hope Centre - St Helens are also elders of St Helens Christian Life Centre and the church, The Christian Life Centre is considered to be a related party of the charity.

Related party transactions during the year ended 31 March 2022 were:

Payments from The Hope Centre - St Helens to St Helens Christian Life Centre: £3,052

Receipts from St Helens Christian Life Centre: £2,410

Changing Communities C.I.C is a company that was set up by The Hope Centre to deliver certain community projects. As the majority of its board are either trustees or employees of The Hope Centre - St Helens it is considered to be a related party.

The Hope Centre - St Helens also administered payroll processing and settled amounts due totalling £16,100 (2021 -£15,900) on behalf of Changing Communities C.I.C

18 Company limited by guarantee

The Hope Centre - St Helens is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act. The liability of the members is limited to £1.