

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 2025



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees		Position	Dates
	Mr J Ryan	Chair	
	Rev C Lawrenson	Vice Chair	
	Mr T Kelly	Treasurer	
	Williams Schafer		
	Brendon McDonagh		
	John Sweeney		
Project Director	Mrs A Metcalfe		
Company Secretary	Erin Scott		
Charity Number	1103903		
Company Number	05089663		
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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 2025.

Mr J Ryan
Mr T Kelly
Rev Craig Lawrenson
Mr Bill Schafer
Brendon McDonagh
John Sweeney

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 five 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 rented from Green Pastures.

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 Project Leads responsible for Hope House homeless services, the Training department, the Foodbank, Hope Pantry and BabyBasics 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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Report of the Board of Trustees

Chair and Vice Chairs Report

As Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is our privilege to reflect on the past year and offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the continued growth, resilience, and impact of The Hope Centre.

This year has brought both new opportunities and ongoing challenges. Against a backdrop of social and economic uncertainty, The Hope Centre has remained a vital source of support, compassion, and transformation for those in our community most in need. Whether through practical aid, emotional development, the work of the charity continues to exemplify hope in action.

Our staff and volunteers have once again shown exceptional dedication, adaptability, and empathy. We are continually inspired by their commitment to delivering high quality support with dignity and respect. We are also grateful to our partners, funders, and local supporters, without whom our work simply would not be possible.

The board has worked diligently to ensure strong governance, sound financial management, and strategic oversight. This has included focusing on sustainability, exploring new funding avenues, and investing in our people and infrastructure. We are proud of the charity's achievements this year, including, Hope House fed and supported 433 people with 34, 481 interventions. St. Helens foodbank fed 8,149 people across all hubs in St. Helens. Hope Pantry supported 562 families. Baby Basics supported 88 families. The Breathe course supported the mental health and wellbeing of 30 individuals. The Restore project supported 90 families, fulfilled 33 commissioned projects, had 15 tons of furniture donated and helped 20 families with full house free furniture donations and we remain ambitious about the road ahead.

We would like to express our deepest thanks to our fellow trustees for their time, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to the values of The Hope Centre. Together, we continue to work towards a future where everyone has access to the support they need to thrive.

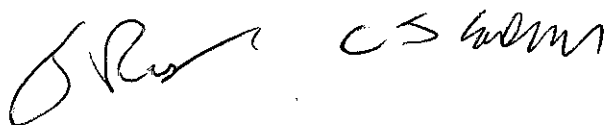
As we look ahead, our priorities remain clear to serve with integrity, to adapt with courage, and to lead with hope. We believe that with continued collaboration, transparency, and heart The Hope Centre will remain a beacon for those navigating life's most difficult circumstances.

With heartfelt thanks,

John Ryan – Chair

Criag Lawrenson – Vice Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees Hope Centre



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Funding Update

Report Produced by: Sarah McDonagh – Funding & Quality Manager

The following update is for Hope Centre Projects

Monies Received directly: cash or cheque.

Breakdown by project

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025	
Hope Centre	£40,048
FoodBank:	£14,688.94
Hope House:	£6,457.50
Hope House: Sleep out	£17,000.00
Hope Pantry:	£7,118.70
Baby Basics	£1,524.09
Hope House Christmas	
Total	£86,927.23

1 Includes

- a. £24,092.63 internal bank transfer from Virgin Money closed account
- b. £3,000 Funding from Ford Trust
- c. £10,000 from Geoffrey & Pauline Martin

2 Includes £1,000 ASDA

PayPal Remittance FY 24-25

£2,474.60 – includes £712.80 for Christmas provision.

Strip: FY 24-25:

£3,025 – includes £1,275 for Christmas provision

Captured comment on Stripe: *The work you all do is absolutely incredible, hope this goes towards making a difference to some people x*

Funder	Value offered
Medicash	£4,500.00
Rainhill Rotary	£900.00
Rainhill Rotary	£400.00
LF Foundation	£5,000.00
Sainsbury's - Neighbourly	£500.00
St Helens Council -CommUnity Scheme	£6,125.00
Ford Trust	£3,000.00
St Helens Together VCA	£5,000.00
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ASDA Foundation	£1,000.00
Arnold Clark Community Fund	£1,000.00
Geoffrey & Pauline Martin	£10,000.00
St Helens Council Ward Member Grant	£893.00
CHCP - Smoke Free St Helens	£5,000.00
Riverside	£5,525.00
St Helens Together VCA	£3,000.00
PHE	£6,119.00

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In House Fundraising Event:

Hope Centre's inaugural sleep out event was held 26/4/2024 and raised not only Hope House's profile but £17,000.

St Helens Social Inclusion & Disability Network

Continues to be a vibrant networking platform where local third sector and statutory organisations share concerns, best practices, and support for our beneficiaries.

Project Name: Hope House



Key Aims of The Project:

Hope House is a drop-in service running Monday – Friday every week and providing Christmas holiday provision.

It provides a basic needs and personal care service for local homeless and those at risk of homelessness and offers advice, advocacy, and support to support those in need. Our aim is to move our service users towards independence and help them reach their personal goals, ranging from, accessing food, personal care, benefits, and accommodation.

This year brought both unexpected change and inspiring resilience. Despite facing a building relocation, rising demand, and a changing client landscape, Hope House continued to provide vital, human-centred support to people experiencing homelessness. Our work grew to include asylum support, emergency cold weather shelter, and the continuation of trusted traditions like our annual Christmas provision, ensuring nobody feels forgotten during the hardest times of the year.

Service Delivery

Hope House IMS data- yearly report 01-04-2024 to 31-03-2025

Interventions Summary

Total Interventions = 30,081 Recorded Interventions (1 Intervention = 1 single interaction)

Year In Review

New Building Development/Relocation due to CPO

In early 2024, Hope House was served with a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) by the local authority as part of a wider urban regeneration scheme. While the relocation was unexpected and initially disruptive, it also presented a critical opportunity for growth and renewal.

After months of urgent searching, support from the Local Authority, and negotiations, we secured a new premises in Crab Street, and successfully relocated by September 2024. Though challenging, this move has ultimately enhanced our ability to serve.

Key improvement in the new building include:

- Increased capacity, with space for 50 seated clients,
- Four private consultation rooms for confidential casework, health support and counselling.
- Separate, accessible shower and laundry facilities.

Despite the pressure of forced relocation, the experience has strengthened our project, improved service quality, and future proofed Hope House.

SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol)

Winter 2024 marked the first time Hope House directly delivered SWEP provision, and it proved to be a success. With temperatures dropping below freezing, we swiftly mobilized our team, opened our doors overnight, and provided emergency shelter, hot meals, warm clothing, and support to those sleeping rough.

Duration of SWEP Activation

SWEP was operational for a total of 3 periods of cold weather. The activation period was determined based on weather forecasts and the associated risks to individuals sleeping rough.

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Service User Feedback

"Service was good, appreciate what you have done for me. There is nothing else you could have done for me. The only thing I could raise is I think there should be something on weekends, when we have to leave Hope House the days can be very long, and I feel like I'm constantly looking at the clock to get some warmth and to talk to someone."

"The service is amazing, even the building was a great building to sleep in. A warm safe space"

"I can't ask for anymore from the Hope House staff and the love and care they show us from coming in on an evening, to us leaving in the morning. Little things like waking up to a warm smile and warm brew make the world of difference when you're homeless. But I would love if this was something that we could have on weekend daytimes, weekdays are fine as we can stay in Hope House all day but come weekends we are back out there in the cold."

"Brilliant – couldn't ask for a better place to be with all that is going on in my life at the moment. Yes, it's not ideal being on the streets but knowing that SWEP is on in Hope House gives you a little light because you know you're going somewhere."

Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support

This year saw a notable increase in the number of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers accessing our service, many facing complex barriers such as no resource to public funds (NRPF), language challenges, and trauma. In response, we strengthened our provision securing 10 hours per week of funding from the Refugee Resettlement Team, enabling one of our homeless prevention officers to focus specifically on migrant support.

This dedicated resource allowed us to offer more consistent and culturally sensitive casework, support clients in navigating the asylum process, and advocate for access to housing, healthcare, and banking needs.

With this funding and role in place, we were able to support 46 migrant clients, helping many stabilise their circumstances and access the help they need to begin rebuilding their lives.

Partnerships and Collaboration

Partnership working has been central to our success this year, enabling us to provide holistic and coordinated support to those facing homelessness. We've continued to strengthen relationships with key organisations, ensuring clients can access wraparound care beyond what we can offer. This includes close collaboration with: The Councils Rough Sleeper Initiative Team (RSI), Whitechapel, Housing Options, Housing First, Homeless Health, DWP, CAB, Diabetes Clinic Team, Sexual Health Team, Merseyside Police, Mersey Care, Café Laziz, Refugee Resettlement Team, Maximum Edge and CGL.

Volunteers:

17 active volunteers supported daily operations.

3000 Volunteer Hours Given

Christmas Provision

Christmas 2024 – Figures

Volunteer Hours

Over the Christmas period around 100 volunteer hours were given. Volunteers dedicated their time and energy to preparing meals, distributing gifts, and offering companionship to our service users.

Wednesday 25th December 2024 = **40 hours (8 Volunteers)**

Thursday 26th December 2024 = **24 hours (8 Volunteers)**

Friday 27th December 2024 = **6 hours (2 Volunteers)**

Monday 30th December 2024 = **21 hours (7 Volunteers)**

Tuesday 31st December 2024 = **9 hours (3 Volunteers)**

Total Hours Given = **100 Hours**

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Staffing Hours

Wednesday 25th December 2024 = 10 hours (2 Staff)

Thursday 26th December 2024 = 6 hours (2 Staff)

Friday 27th December 2024 = 6 hours (2 Staff)

Monday 30th December 2024 = 6 hours (2 Staff)

Tuesday 31st December 2024 = 6 hours (2 Staff)

Total Staffing Hours = 34 Hours

Total Christmas Breakfast's Served on Christmas Day = 28

Total Christmas Dinner's Served (including Dessert) = 30 Dinner's.

Service User – Case Study (Service user will be named as 'Male' to remain anonymous)

In December 2024, Male was referred to Hope House after being found sleeping in a bin shed with visible leg injuries. He reported feeling unsafe in his flat due to neighbour issues and had become street homeless, leading to serious physical health decline, poor mental health, and increased alcohol use. Male began using SWEP accommodation and received regular wound care from Homeless Health. While initially reluctant to engage with services, he found consistency and trust at Hope House. Over time, he opened about wanting to address his drinking and housing situation. With support, Male connected with CGL and began engaging with a key worker. A return to his flat was necessary for detox eligibility, but he had lost his keys and fob. Hope House liaised with Torus Housing, who acted quickly to replace them and address safety concerns. Even after regaining access, Male hesitated to return due to a lack of utilities. With help from Whitechapel, we identified his suppliers and secured £40 in energy tokens to restore electricity and gas. Male moved back into his flat. Since then, he has shown visible improvements, clean, sober in the mornings, and hopeful. While still drinking, he's reduced his intake and is actively pursuing detox through CGL. Males story highlights the importance of trauma-informed, consistent, and collaborative support. By meeting him where he was, Hope House helped create a pathway from crisis to renewed stability and self-worth.

Project Name: Hope Pantry

Key Aims of The Project:

Hope Pantry has been operating for now for 2 years and 9 months.

The key aims of Hope Pantry focus on ensuring that everyone has access to nutritious food while fostering a sense of community. The pantry achieves this by not only addressing immediate food needs but also promoting mental and physical well-being among its members. By providing a space where individuals can connect, form new friendships, and renew old ties, it helps combat isolation.

In addition to its community-building efforts, Hope Pantry plays a role in restoring dignity to users by offering support in a respectful, empowering way. A major aim is also to reduce food waste, keeping it from ending up in landfills, contributing to sustainability efforts.

Furthermore, members have expressed that using the pantry has positively impacted their household finances and has helped prevent hunger, showcasing its wide-reaching benefits beyond just food provision.

Activity Figures for the Year Impact:

2,466 Member Visits for the year.

We have supported 165 families at the pantry. Of this number 86 where adults and 79 children.

Volunteer Hours

We currently have 12 volunteers with us at the pantry. This includes a driver, for collections from Fare Share in Knowsley and The Brick in Wigan.

Total Volunteer Hours - 3311

What Worked Well

The partnership with the Food Alliance and The Brick (Wigan) has been beneficial, especially with the non-food items. Offering essentials like washing powder and shampoo through the Hearts and Diamond system adds value for pantry members and supports their overall well-being.

Good News Stories/ Testimonies:

" I really appreciate the help and support I get from the staff and volunteers and coming to the pantry gives me the opportunity to meet new people "



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Project Name: St.Helens Foodbank

Key Aims of The Project:

To provide food parcels that will enable the client to make meals for themselves and anyone who lives with them for a total of 3 days. The clients ask one of the services for a voucher – this is due to the service knowing more about the client and they can give any extra needs that they may need. The client should only have 3 in six months but, this has increased with the cost of living and changing of benefits.

Activity Figures for the Year Impact:

This year we have given out a total of 3452 vouchers.

This fed a total of 5,077 Adults and 2,764 Children.

This number has decreased over the year due to the opening of the Pantry's as we now guide them to use the pantry in future.

Any Challenges?

The challenges I have faced have been shortages in food donations. I think that this is due to the rise in the cost of living.

Good News Stories/ Testimonies:

St.Helens Foodbank has attended Saints Home games along with the Mobile Pantry and we have collected a total of 853kg. We have regulars donating food and also calling into Tesco to buy food to donate when we have given out our shopping lists. At Christmas we had a lot of donations from firms brought into CLC. This included Alfred Knight who brought in a total weight of 412kg. The schools also donated at Christmas and Easter – this included Cowley with 704kg and Rainford High 736kg. They also weighed their donations in, dated them and then sorted into Trays ready for the warehouse. The Cowley Vaults have also run a Couple of charity weekends for the foodbank and have raised over £2,000.

Feedback from Foodbank User:

"I would like to thank you for the help you gave me today. I received my parcel by delivery, and it helped me out of an empty stomach hole. Thanks again. This is probably not what this service is about but, I wanted to show my gratitude."

Volunteers

Across the project we have around 120 volunteers who on average cover 3+ hours. We also have volunteers coming in from Ascent College along with support staff who cover around 2 hours per week. At Food drives I have had a lot of support from Firms including – Aluma Roofing.

In total our volunteers have contributed over 18,000 hours across the Projects. Comprising of Foodbank Hubs, Food Drives, Foodbank Drivers, Hope House, Baby Basics and Restore.

This year we have had a lot of volunteering for the extra food drives and sorting donations especially at Christmas.



Project Name: Baby Basics

We completed a total of 78 baskets for the year in Baby Basics. This also includes a lovely hamper for the new mum with gifts for her.

Councillor Lynne Clarke donated money to purchase books to the project. We had a meeting with the Bookshop in St. Helens and placed an order for some lovely books and a book is placed into each basket so, hopefully the parents will read to their children.

In March we held our first POP UP Event at Saints Church in Ellamsbridge Road, St.Helens. At this we invited parents to book a ticket and come along to choose clothes and other items free of charge. The response was amazing, and the parents were grateful to receive the items of clothing. We also had a family call in with a newborn baby who was unsettled in the mum's arms, we gave her a pram and when she laid, the baby settled to sleep. The Mum was grateful.

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Project Name: Restore St.Helens: Changing Communities

Volunteer Hours

Hours totalled 5761.5



Free Furniture

We supported 14 families/tenants to set up home by providing furniture in the Sutton, Parr, Newton-Le-Willows, and Town Centre areas.

Warmth Packs

With huge support from DUNELM, we were able to distribute over 100 packs to local churches and elderly people last Oct/Nov.

Tenant Support Packs

30 given out alongside the Welfare Assistance Vouchers to people setting up home from scratch. Usually as a result of domestic abuse and having to leave their home and possessions.

Supporting Other Local Groups

1. All Saints Church – Potting Station made by a volunteer plus 2 hosepipes.
2. Blossom Tree Nursery -Seesaw and Rocking Horse – upcycled by a volunteer.
3. Green Town CIC – Seed Library made at ReStore – now in World of Glass.
4. Tamsin McKie (Tiggs) – weekly collection of unwanted items is collected and distributed amongst various other charities i.e., Kitten Carers, Bold Initiatives, Wonderland CIC, and the Facebook page "Supporting Our Community."

Wool Appeal

Wool continues to be donated on a regular basis and this is forwarded to a lady in supported accommodation who crochets blankets for our Warmth Packs.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW:

The Charity's principal source of income 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.

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 has Restricted Funds and monies invested in fixed assets. Trustees have noted Charity Commission guidance, and the ambition is to hold at least three months' (13 weeks) running costs in Unrestricted Funds. This has been achieved for 2024-25, and our aim is to maintain a healthy level of reserves. At year-end, our Unrestricted Funds were £209,631.

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. The key result is that the Charity has a deficit of £14,202 for the financial year, and this has decreased the level of restricted Funds available.

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 2023

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 12 December 2025.



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 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Hope Centre - St Helens for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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.

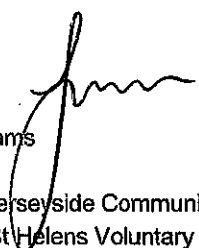
Independent examiner's statement

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
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Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service
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12 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(2)	13,983	157,374	171,357	128,395
Charitable activities	(3)	87,016	95,918	182,934	139,808
Other income		25	117,886	117,911	32,869
Investment income	(4)	11	-	11	24
Total		101,034	371,178	472,212	301,096
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	-(5)	(113,931)	(381,357)	(495,288)	(397,677)
Net (expenditure) / income		(12,897)	(10,179)	(23,076)	(96,581)
Transfers between funds	(15)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,897)	(10,179)	(23,076)	(96,581)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		237,746	178,915	416,661	513,242
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		224,849	168,736	393,585	416,661

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 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	(2)	2,458	125,937	128,395
Charitable activities	(3)	43,890	95,918	139,808
Investments	(4)	32,869	-	32,869
Other Income		24	-	24
Total		79,241	221,855	301,096
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(5)	(59,669)	(338,008)	(397,677)
Net (expenditure) / income		19,572	(116,153)	(96,581)
Transfers between funds	(15a)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		19,572	(116,153)	(96,581)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		218,174	295,068	513,242
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		237,746	178,915	416,661

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 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	(10)	91,520	103,035
Total fixed assets		<u>91,520</u>	<u>103,035</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	(12)	37,868	37,333
Cash at bank and in hand		268,080	291,486
Total current assets		<u>305,947</u>	<u>328,819</u>
Current liabilities:			
amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	(13)	3,883	15,193
Total current liabilities		<u>3,883</u>	<u>15,193</u>
Net current assets / (liabilities)		<u>302,065</u>	<u>313,626</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>393,585</u>	<u>416,661</u>
Funds			
Restricted Funds	(15)	168,736	237,746
Designated Funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		224,849	178,915
		<u>393,585</u>	<u>416,661</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 2025

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 12 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



John Ryan (Chair)
Trustee

Company registration number 05089663

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Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) per SOFA	(23,076)	(96,581)
Depreciation	11,515	11,515
Investment Income	(11)	(24)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(535)	76
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(11,310)	15,193
Capital	-	(25,561)
	<u>(23,417)</u>	<u>(95,382)</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	<u>11</u>	<u>24</u>
 Net increase/(decrease) in cash:	 (23,406)	 (95,358)
Total cash as at 1 April 2024	<u>291,486</u>	<u>386,844</u>
Total cash as at 31 March 2025	<u>268,080</u>	<u>291,486</u>

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

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 2019. 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	10 years straight line basis
Fixtures & fittings	10 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

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations	13,983	125,509	139,492	94,890
Donations from CLC	-	1,865	1,865	3,505
Donation from Local Authority	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
	<u>13,983</u>	<u>157,374</u>	<u>171,357</u>	<u>128,395</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2024	<u>2,458</u>	<u>125,937</u>	<u>128,395</u>	
Grants receivable for core activities				
St Helens Borough Council	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>

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3a Charitable activities	Centre Activities	Foodbank	Training & Outreach	Homeless Shelter	Food Pantry	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Performance related grants & Contracts							
LCVS: Impact Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,785
Halton & St Helens VCA	4,925	6,500	-	6,810	6,500	24,735	7,400
St Helens MBC: SWEP	1,430	-	-	-	-	1,430	-
St Helens MBC: Refugee Resettlement	893	-	-	13,597	-	14,490	-
St Helens MBC: Ways to Work	10,808	-	-	-	-	10,808	-
John Moores Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
The Trussell Trust	-	76,440	-	-	-	76,440	47,125
Liverpool City Region: LCR Cares	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500
HM Government: Cost of Living Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,150
VOLA Consortium	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,009
Other small grants							
Arnold Clarke	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
Neighbourly Foundation	-	-	-	500	500	1,000	1,500
Save the Children	1,200	-	-	-	-	1,200	-
Albert Hunt	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,000
CRH Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,955
Riverside Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,395
Torus Foundation	-	2,500	-	-	2,500	5,000	5,000
Other Income							
HMRC Gift Aid	3,762	3,794	-	-	-	7,986	2,500
Services Provided	7,508	-	-	31,337	-	38,845	2,489
	<u>30,525</u>	<u>90,233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,675</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>182,934</u>	<u>139,808</u>
Other Income							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24	-	170	117,317	399	117,911	32,869
	<u>30,549</u>	<u>90,233</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>169,993</u>	<u>9,899</u>	<u>300,845</u>	<u>32,869</u>

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5a Expenditure on Charitable activities	Centre Activities	Foodbank	Training & outreach	Homeless Shelter	Food Pantry	Total	
						2025	2024
	£	£	£	£		£	£
Wages and salaries	108,276	35,499	-	82,672	23,385	249,832	190,282
Staff Travel	315	259	1,153	512	435	2,675	1,201
Rent	2,365	14,351	-	33,412	500	50,628	54,377
Light and heat	-	1,786	-	10,941	-	12,726	4,931
Repairs and maintenance	2,010	348	-	1,114	-	3,472	1,910
Insurance	2,207	1,018	-	1,123	260	4,608	4,850
Other premises costs	-	500	-	3,143	-	3,643	1,549
Other motor/travel costs	60	3,860	-	-	76	3,996	1,090
Legal and professional fees	2,635	55,111	3,000	18,043	872	79,661	75,078
Telephone	1,630	1,081	-	2,808	741	6,260	5,096
Other office costs	985	1,095	4,810	3,930	737	11,557	4,875
Depreciation	60	850	-	10,605	-	11,515	11,515
Consumables	579	10,808	-	6,731	14,265	32,384	29,167
Materials, equipment and resources	15	827	-	6,002	2,302	9,145	1,541
Promotional activities	537	381	20	879	114	1,931	4,209
Volunteer expenses	203	258	41	26	142	669	622
Training & outreach - tutor costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry Expenses	7,279	806	186	2,153	161	10,586	5,384
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	129,156	128,839	9,211	184,093	43,989	495,288	397,677

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6 Governance costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examination	-	-
Administration	-	-
Trustee expenses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses	2025	2024
	£	£
Total amount paid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year no trustees received any remuneration or expenses (2024: 0)

8 Employees	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	232,855	181,100
Employer's NI	12,524	5,160
Pension	4,453	4,022
	<u>249,832</u>	<u>190,282</u>

Number of employees	2025	2024
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	Number	Number
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

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

	2025	2024
Key management of the charity received employee benefits (including pension contributions) totalling	<u>24,169</u>	<u>27,810</u>

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9 Tangible assets	Land and buildings	Vehicle	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	170,000	8,500	129,999	47,478	355,977
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>170,000</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>129,999</u>	<u>47,478</u>	<u>355,977</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>					
At 1 April 2024	170,000	850	34,614	47,478	252,942
Charge for year	-	850	10,665	-	11,515
At 31 March 2025	<u>170,000</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>45,279</u>	<u>47,478</u>	<u>264,457</u>
<u>Net book value</u>					
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>6,800</u>	<u>84,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,520</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>7,650</u>	<u>95,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,035</u>
10 Financial Instruments				2025	2024
Carrying amount of financial assets				£	£
Debt instruments measured at cost				<u>305,947</u>	<u>328,819</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities					
Measured at cost				<u>3,883</u>	<u>15,193</u>
11 Debtors and prepayments				2025	2024
				£	£
Trade debtors				15,457	15,687
Prepayments and accrued income				-	-
Other debtors				<u>22,411</u>	<u>21,646</u>
				<u>37,868</u>	<u>37,333</u>
15 Cash at bank and in hand				2025	2024
				£	£
Bank Current Account				264,785	265,259
Yorkshire Savings				-	24,082
Hope Centre Special Projects				309	309
Cash in hand				<u>2,987</u>	<u>1,837</u>
				<u>268,080</u>	<u>291,486</u>
12 Creditors and accruals				2025	2024
				£	£
Trade creditors				-	15,193
Accruals and deferred income				<u>3,883</u>	-
				<u>3,883</u>	<u>15,193</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 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers
Food Bank	94,784	125,395	(128,839)	-
Baby Basics	3,524	11,701	(15,225)	-
Hope House Homeless Centre	(1,750)	-	-	-
Hope House 2	102,151	214,219	(184,093)	-
Training Fund	543	170	(9,211)	-
Food Pantry	(20,337)	19,693	(43,989)	-
	<u>178,915</u>	<u>371,178</u>	<u>(381,357)</u>	<u>-</u>
				<u>168,736</u>

14a Comparative Movement in funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
Food Bank	138,827	118,291	(162,334)	-	94,784
Baby Basics	5,651	2,731	(4,858)	-	3,524
Hope House Homeless Centre	47,536	66,099	(115,385)	-	(1,750)
Hope House 2	115,061	-	(12,910)	-	102,151
Training Fund	(3,013)	8,014	(4,458)	-	543
Food Pantry	(8,994)	26,720	(38,063)	-	(20,337)
	<u>295,068</u>	<u>221,855</u>	<u>(338,008)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,915</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	764	90,466	91,230
Current assets / (liabilities)	<u>224,085</u>	<u>78,270</u>	<u>302,355</u>
	<u>224,849</u>	<u>168,736</u>	<u>393,585</u>
Comparative at 31 March 2024			
Current assets / (liabilities)	<u>237,746</u>	<u>178,915</u>	<u>416,661</u>

16 Transactions with trustees and related parties

The company was set up by The Hope Centre - St Helens to deliver certain community projects. As the majority of the company's board members are either trustees or employees of The Hope Centre - St Helens, it is considered to be a related party to The Hope Centre.

The Hope Centre administers the payroll and a small number of other payments (totalling £41,665) on behalf of this company. At the year end, £57,041 was owed to The Hope Centre (In 2023/24: £15,687).

The directors of the Company and the directors of the Hope Centre have agreed that Changing Communities CIC should become part of the Hope Centre charity. This will be completed during 2024/25.

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.