HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1118923

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06181631
Registered	2007-04-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Hope Community Church Upper Huntbach Street Hanley Stoke-On-Trent ST1 2BX
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Website	www.hopechurchstoke.co.uk

Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; ANDC) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Religous activitiesAdult and other educationOther recreational activitiesPhysical well-being activitiesYouth & Childrens activities

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE HANLEY. STOKE ON TRENT
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£110,953	£129,538	-	-
2024-03-31	£95,993	£92,485	-	-
2023-03-31	£93,694	£81,602	-	-
2022-03-31	£75,109	£82,315	-	-
2021-03-31	£71,140	£79,865	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PHILIP IAN BRAYSHAW	Chair	2013-02-17
Janet Tellwright		2013-10-31
Karen Poxon		
Raphael Hirschi		2018-01-30
Sasha Rochester		2013-10-31
Vanessa Mne Onwuzurumba		2024-06-09

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Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

FOR

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHARITY NUMBER 1118923

COMPANY NUMBER 06181631

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Company Information

For the year ended 31 March 2025

DIRECTORS:	K. Poxon P.I. Brayshaw J. Tellwright S. Rochester Mrs. V. Onwuzurumba R. Hirschi
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Hope Community Church Upper Huntbach Street Hanley Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST1 2BX
REGISTERED NUMBER:	06181631 (England and Wales)
ACCOUNTANTS:	G.E. Shenton & Co Ltd St. Pauls House North Street Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1AZ

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2025

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Results

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 7 and shows the net incoming resources for the period.

Principal activities, Trading Review and Future Developments

The company was incorporated on 23 March 2007.

The result for the year was a deficit of £18,585 (2024: Surplus £3,508) and this has been deducted from the total reserves carried forward.

The company's principle activity is the provision of help and support to people inside and outside of the church community.

The Trustees continue to generate revenue for the church in a number of ways. Member donations are a core strand, with these being maximised through encouraging the use of the Government's Gift Aid Scheme, which enables a further 25% of donations to be reclaimed. In addition, since January 2024 the Financial Director has maintained this by continuing to use the Governments Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

The second major income stream is room hire and we have increased our prices to reflect rising costs. We have retained our existing clients and income has further increased with the addition of new clients.

In June 2024 the church received a substantial bill relating to building/roof maintenance and Landlord incurred costs. As good stewards of the charity's resources, the Trustees have negotiated repayment over a period of 18 months interest free. We have been successful in meeting the cost of the repair so far through:

- an opportunity for additional one-off member giving within the financial year 2024-2025;
- a general increase in member giving as the church has increased in size;
- continuing to secure increased room hires and exploring new client opportunities.

The Trustees are realistic about the financial challenges for the financial period 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 but positive in their approach to meeting these. We still anticipate having sufficient income to cover necessary investment such as new IT equipment and have maintained a level of funds so that reserves can be used when necessary.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were:

Mrs. Karen Poxon
Mr. Philip Ian Brayshaw
Mrs. Janet Tellwright
Mrs. Sasha Rochester
Mrs. Caroline Maina
Mr. Raphael Hirschi
Mrs. V. Onwuzurumba

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 23 October 2025 and signed on its behalf.

MRS. S. ROCHESTER Director

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Administration Details

Address: Hope Community Church, Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., ST1 2BX

Hope Community Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commissioners (Registration Number 1118923) and as a company limited by guarantee is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors/Trustees

Mrs. Karen Poxon
Mr. Philip Ian Brayshaw
Mrs. Janet Tellwright
Mrs. Sasha Rochester
Mrs. Caroline Maina
Mr. Raphael Hirschi
Mrs. V. Onwuzurumba

Bankers

Lloyds plc serves the Management Committee as Bankers.

Solicitors

Geldards Solicitors act as solicitors to the Charity and provide advice on charity matters.

Accountants

G.E. Shenton & Co Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants, St. Pauls House, North Street, Newcastle, Staffs., ST5 1AZ

Charity's Objectives and Activities during the year

Objects and activities

The objects of the Company are for the benefit of the public:

a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit;

b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time think fit; and

c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Overview

We are delighted that the church has experienced sustained growth during this period, with the addition of many new families moving into the area for work and joining the church, as well as further new asylum seekers.

We are pleased that our youth and children's groups have increased this year and new people are settling into the church and starting to volunteer.

The level of commitment at Hope Community Church remains high and the Trustees would like to thank the congregation for their faithfulness.

During this period Caroline Maina resigned as a Trustee and Vanessa Onwuzurumba became a Trustee.

The Trustees had regard to the public benefit when planning the activities of the church.

Below is a summary of the church's activities in furtherance of its objects during the year:

- Weekly Sunday church services for corporate worship, prayer, communion, Bible teaching, encouragement, fellowship and Hope Kids United children's worship and teaching.
- Edited highlights of the Sunday services on YouTube.
- Twice monthly youth group meetings. Repurposing of office space for meetings.
- Regular family services.
- Fortnightly Life Groups in homes across the city for discussion of Bible passages, practical application, prayer and mutual support.
- Prayer meetings including an occasional, longer prayer gathering.
- Bible teaching and discussion meetings with Farsi interpretation.
- Baptism services
- Events offering a mixture of social and spiritual activities for the whole church and for men, women and children.
- Pastoral support and mentoring.
- Provision of devotional materials.
- Provision of teaching materials in Farsi.
- Lending library of Christian books.
- Participation in local inter-denominational services for worship and prayer.
- Minister's participation in local inter-denominational church leaders' fellowship.
- Weekly free computer/internet access and Job Club.
- Weekly Foodbank distribution sessions and signposting. Trussell Trust figures show that our Foodbank Centre distributed 3 days' worth of food to 1,455 people.
- Regular donations of food to the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank.
- Minister served as Chair of the Northwood Residents' Association.
- Minister served as a Co-op Academy Community Council Member for part of the year, with particular involvement in three local schools.
- Support given to local schools with class talks and assemblies.
- Support given to Staffordshire University Christian Union.
- Low-cost hire of church premises to charities.
- Financial donations to Beacon House of Prayer, Soul Action in South Africa and Compassion.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Finance
There was a net deficit for the year of £18,585 compared to a reported surplus of £3,508 for 2024. This was the result of a roof repair costing £37,146. Total income increased by £14,960 and total expenditure increased by £37,083.

Our overall closing cash position is £2,789 higher than 2024 which is mainly attributed to increases in room letting income of £7,694 and donations of £7,493 and careful stewardship of cash flow reflecting the repair costs during the year. Net current assets was £32,109 this year compared with £50,520 in 2024.

Reserves policy
The charity has adopted a reserves policy the aim of which is to have reserves of £50,000, which comprises:

- A specific reserve of £35,000 to cover unforeseen emergencies or drop in income. This figure is based on approximately 3 months operating costs with an extra £5,000 for emergency maintenance and equipment replacement.
- £15,000 available in the current account to safely cover monthly cash flow.

Use of Reserves
The reserves are held for the following purposes and may be used for them in accordance with the Hope Expenditure Policy:

- operating costs that are not covered by income
- emergency maintenance
- equipment replacement.

Policy Review
This Policy is reviewed annually ready for publishing it with the accounts.

Policy Implementation
We are pleased that our Reserve at the end of the 2024-2025 period had increased to be broadly in line with our £50,000 target.

We continue to aim to transfer £100 a month into savings accounts to complete and then maintain our specific level of Reserves.

Surplus funds above this will be designated by the trustees for further advancement of the charities aims and principles.

MR. P.I. BRAYSHAW Chair of Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Hope Community Church

23 October 2025

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees/Members of Hope Community Church

We report on the accounts of the Company for the ended 31 March 2025 (charity number 1118923) which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income was less than £250,000 but we are qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1)(a) of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

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

St. Pauls House,
North Street,
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs
24 October 2025

G. E. SHENTON & CO LTD
Chartered Certified Accountants

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	2	£83,984	£60	£84,044	£76,551
Charitable activities	3	25,418	-	25,418	17,415
Other income	4	-	1,075	1,075	1,695
Investment income		416	-	416	332
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		109,818	1,135	110,953	95,993
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	5	122,215	845	123,060	87,863
Other expenditure:					
Funding and Publicity	5	3,239	-	3,239	2,311
Management and Administration	5	3,239	-	3,239	2,311
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		128,693	845	129,538	92,485
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(18,875)	290	(18,585)	3,508
GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		882	(882)		-
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEING ALSO THE NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(17,993)	(592)	(18,585)	3,508
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		295,467	1,316	296,783	293,275
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		277,474	724	278,198	296,783

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes		2025		2024
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		£312,826		£316,417
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	9	£10,372		£9,956	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	49,665		48,876	
		60,037		58,832	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	11	23,874		3,789	
Mortgage	11,12,13	4,054		4,523	
		27,928		8,312	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			32,019		50,520
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			344,935		366,937
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year					
Mortgage	11,12,13		66,737		70,154
NET ASSETS			278,198		296,783
REPRESENTED BY: FUNDS AND RESERVES					
Unrestricted funds	14		278,198		296,783

The directors state:

a. that for the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies,

b. that members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, and

c. that they acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The company has opted not to file a copy of its Profit and Loss at Companies House in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed S. ROCHESTER Director

The accounts were approved by the directors and were authorised by them for issue on 23 October 2025

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard UK and Republic of Ireland and with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Grants
Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

(c) Donations, fundraising and Gifts
Donations, gifts and fund raising are recognised in the accounts on a received basis with the exception of items donated for sale in the charity shop which are only included as income when they are sold and until then are not valued and tax recoverable on gift aid. Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charity. No value is assigned to donated facilities, nor to items provided for raffle prizes or consumption by users of the church.

(d) Legacies
Legacies are included in the SOFA when the full amount has been received.

(e) Contributions by members and all other income
These are all recognised in the financial statements when receivable.

(f) Expenditure and support costs
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and where incurred on activities falling directly within one cost category is included accordingly. The support costs of the charity which include wages and salaries, premises, telephone, printing, postage, stationery, equipment hire, subscriptions, training and insurance are allocated based on the level of activity. The percentages applied are:

Direct charitable expenditure	95%
Fundraising and publicity	2.5%
Management and administration	2.5%

(g) Capitalisation
Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Expenditure on leasehold property, fixtures, equipment and office equipment which exceeds £250 and provides a long term benefit is capitalised.

(h) Depreciation and amortisation
Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to write down their cost over their useful lives. The rates and bases have been reviewed accordingly this year, based on their expected useful lives. The depreciation rates currently in use are:

Leasehold property	100 years straight line basis
Fixtures and equipment	25 years straight line basis

(i) Taxation
No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(j) Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

(k) Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price. Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

(l) Reserves policy
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(m) Leased assets
A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(n) Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2. **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Donations:				
Voluntary income	£69,729	£60	£69,789	£63,805
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	14,255	-	14,255	12,746
	83,984	60	84,044	76,551

3. **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Youth work activity	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room lettings	24,062	-	24,062	16,368
Church Development activity	1,356	-	1,356	1,047
	25,418	-	25,418	17,415

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
Sundry grants	£ -	£1,075	£1,075	£1,695

5. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	2025 Total	2024 Total
Direct charitable expenditure:					
Unrestricted	£43,961	£4,315	£73,939	£122,215	£85,226
Restricted	-	-	845	845	2,637
	43,961	4,315	74,784	123,060	87,863
Other expenditure:					
Fundraising and publicity	1,157	114	1,968	3,239	2,311
Management and administration	1,157	114	1,968	3,239	2,311
	46,275	4,543	78,720	129,538	92,485

	2025	2024
Restricted costs	£845	£2,637
Other costs:		
Direct charitable costs		
Mission and outreach donations	£4,344	£6,179
Activities	678	873
	5,022	7,052
Support costs		
Premises	£59,455	£21,887
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	3,955	2,833
Legal and professional	1,295	1,331
Bank charges	195	251
Mortgage interest	5,037	4,951
Subscription and fees	2,916	2,253
	72,853	33,506
TOTAL	78,720	43,195

6. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2025	2024
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	£4,543	£4,506

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
Wages and salaries	£36,927	£35,241
Social security costs	3,758	3,608
Pension costs	5,589	5,935
	46,274	44,784

During the year the charity employed an average of 1 employees (2024: 1). No employees earned more than £60,000 per annum in this or the previous year.

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Furniture and equipment	Total
Cost:			
At 1 April 2024	£345,000	£25,511	£370,511
Additions	-	952	952
At 31 March 2025	345,000	26,463	371,463
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2024	45,305	8,789	54,094
Charge for the year	3,485	1,058	4,543
At 31 March 2025	48,790	9,847	58,637
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2024	299,695	16,722	316,417
At 31 March 2025	296,210	16,616	312,826

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2025	2024
Debtors	£4,782	£4,918
Prepayments	5,590	5,038
	10,372	9,956

10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2025	2024
Lloyds - Current account	£13,696	£17,449
Lloyds - Savings Account	17,314	14,100
Kingdom Savings Account	17,913	16,510
Cash in hand	742	817
	49,665	48,876

11. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
Trade creditors	£23,874	£3,789
Mortgage account	4,054	4,523
	27,928	8,312

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

12. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
Mortgage account	£66,737	£70,154

13. MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

The company has a mortgage secured on the leasehold property. Obligations falling due are as follows:

	2025	2024
Amounts payable with 12 months	£4,054	£4,523
Amounts payable after 12 months but within 5 years	£18,870	£17,090
Amounts falling due for payment after more than 5 years	47,867	53,064
	66,737	70,154

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
Fixed assets	£312,826	£ -	£312,826	£316,417
Current assets	(35,352)	724	(34,628)	(19,634)
	277,474	724	278,198	296,783

15. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

None of the members or trustees of the charity, with the exception of Mr. P.I. Brayshaw (Senior Minister), were remunerated directly or indirectly during the year ended 31 March 2025 (see Note 7).

16 CONTINGENCIES AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In the opinion of the trustees and members of the company at 31 March 2025 there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual liabilities.

17. OTHER INFORMATION

Hope Community Church is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England (Registered Number 06181631). Its registered office is Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST1 2BX.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

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The company's principal activity is the provision of help and support to people inside and outside the church community.

The company was incorporated on 23 March 2007.

The result for the year was a surplus of £3,508 (2023: Surplus £12,092) and this has been added to the total reserves carried forward.

The Trustees continue to generate revenue for the church in a number of ways. Member donations are a core strand, with these being maximised through encouraging the use of the Government's Gift Aid Scheme, which enables a further 25% of donations to be reclaimed. In addition, since January 2024 the Financial Director has expanded this by introducing use of the Governments Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. The second major income stream is room hire and we have increased our prices. We have retained our existing clients and income has further increased with new clients.

Looking ahead, in June 2024 the church received a substantial bill relating to building/roof maintenance and Landlord incurred costs. As good stewards of the charity's resources, the Trustees have negotiated repayment over a period of 18 months interest free. Over the next 18 months we anticipate meeting the cost of the repair through:

- an opportunity for additional one-off member giving within the financial year 2024-25;
- a general increase in member giving as the church has increased in size;
- continuing room hire opportunities; and
- use of reserves where necessary.

The Trustees are realistic about the financial challenges for the financial period 2024-2025 but positive in their approach to meeting these. We still anticipate having sufficient income to cover necessary investment such as new IT equipment.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were:

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Mr. Raphael Hirschi

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 7 November 2024 and signed on its behalf.

MRS. S. ROCHESTER Director

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Overview

We are delighted that the church has experienced sustained growth during this period, with the addition of many new families moving into the area for work and joining the church, as well as further new asylum seekers.

The level of commitment at Hope Community Church remains high and the Trustees would like to thank the congregation for their faithfulness and their financial support.

During this period up to April 2024, there were no changes to the Trustees.

The Trustees had regard to the public benefit when planning the activities of the church.

Below is a summary of the church's activities in furtherance of its objects during the year:

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- Support given to local schools with class talks and assembly.
- Low-cost hire of church premises to charities and adult education and training.
- Financial donations to Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank, Beacon House of Prayer, Soul Action in South Africa and Compassion.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Finance
There was a net surplus for the year of £3,508 compared to a reported surplus of £12,092 for 2023. Total income increased by £2,299 and total expenditure increased by £10,883.

Our overall closing cash position is £2,670 higher than 2023 which is attributed to decreases in room letting income of £2,037 but increases in donations of £5,653. Net current assets was £50,520 this year compared with £48,411 in 2023.

Reserves policy
The charity has adopted a reserves policy the aim of which is to have reserves of £50,000, which comprises:

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Use of Reserves
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Policy Review
This Policy is reviewed annually ready for publishing it with the accounts.

Policy Implementation
We are pleased that our Reserve at the end of the 2023-2024 period had increased to £48,876. However, this still falls slightly short of the £50,000 target. We continue to aim to transfer £100 a month into savings accounts to build up a Specific Reserve. Further sums will be transferred when available until the target is met.

MR. P.I. BRAYSHAW Chair of Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Hope Community Church

7 November 2024

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees/Members of Hope Community Church

We report on the accounts of the Company for the ended 31 March 2024 (charity number 1118923) which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income was less than £250,000 but we are qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1)(a) of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

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

St. Pauls House,
North Street,
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs
8 November 2024

G. E. SHENTON & CO LTD
Chartered Certified Accountants

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	2	£75,431	£1,120	£76,551	£70,898
Charitable activities	3	17,415	-	17,415	19,767
Other income	4	-	1,695	1,695	2,988
Investment income		332	-	332	41
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		93,178	2,815	95,993	93,694
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	5	85,226	2,637	87,863	77,522
Other expenditure:					
Funding and Publicity	5	2,311	-	2,311	2,040
Management and Administration	5	2,311	-	2,311	2,040
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		89,848	2,637	92,485	81,602
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		3,330	178	3,508	12,092
GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEING ALSO THE NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		3,330	178	3,508	12,092
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		292,137	1,138	293,275	281,183
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		295,467	1,316	296,783	293,275

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes		2024		2023
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		£316,417		£319,345
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	9	£9,956		£9,706	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	48,876		46,206	
		58,832		55,912	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	11	3,789		3,446	
Mortgage	11,12,13	4,523		4,055	
		8,312		7,501	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			50,520		48,411
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			366,937		367,756
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year					
Mortgage	11,12,13		70,154		74,481
NET ASSETS			296,783		293,275
REPRESENTED BY: FUNDS AND RESERVES					
Unrestricted funds	14		296,783		293,275

The directors state:

a. that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies,

b. that members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, and

c. that they acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The company has opted not to file a copy of its Profit and Loss at Companies House in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed S. ROCHESTER Director

The accounts were approved by the directors and were authorised by them for issue on 7 November 2024

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard UK and Republic of Ireland and with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Grants
Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

(c) Donations, fundraising and Gifts
Donations, gifts and fund raising are recognised in the accounts on a received basis with the exception of items donated for sale in the charity shop which are only included as income when they are sold and until then are not valued and tax recoverable on gift aid. Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charity. No value is assigned to donated facilities, nor to items provided for raffle prizes or consumption by users of the church.

(d) Legacies
Legacies are included in the SOFA when the full amount has been received.

(e) Contributions by members and all other income
These are all recognised in the financial statements when receivable.

(f) Expenditure and support costs
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and where incurred on activities falling directly within one cost category is included accordingly. The support costs of the charity which include wages and salaries, premises, telephone, printing, postage, stationery, equipment hire, subscriptions, training and insurance are allocated based on the level of activity. The percentages applied are:

Direct charitable expenditure	95%
Fundraising and publicity	2.5%
Management and administration	2.5%

(g) Capitalisation
Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Expenditure on leasehold property, fixtures, equipment and office equipment which exceeds £250 and provides a long term benefit is capitalised.

(h) Depreciation and amortisation
Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to write down their cost over their useful lives. The rates and bases have been reviewed accordingly this year, based on their expected useful lives. The depreciation rates currently in use are:

Leasehold property	100 years straight line basis
Fixtures and equipment	25 years straight line basis

(i) Taxation
No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(j) Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

(k) Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price. Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(l) Reserves policy
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- £15,000 available in the current account to safely cover monthly cash flow.

Use of Reserves
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Policy Review
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(m) Leased assets
A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(n) Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2. **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Donations:				
Voluntary income	£62,685	£1,120	£63,805	£59,547
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	12,746	-	12,746	11,351
	75,431	1,120	76,551	70.898

3. **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Youth work activity	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room lettings	16,368	-	16,368	18,405
Church Development activity	1,047	-	1,047	1,362
	17,415	-	17,415	19,767

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
Sundry grants	£ -	£1,695	£1,695	£2,988

5. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	2024 Total	2023 Total
Direct charitable expenditure:					
Unrestricted	£42,546	£4,282	£38,398	£85,226	£75,738
Restricted	-	-	2,637	2,637	1,784
	42,546	4,282	41,035	87,863	77,522
Other expenditure:					
Fundraising and publicity	1,119	112	1,080	2,311	2,040
Management and administration	1,119	112	1,080	2,311	2,040
	44,784	4,506	43,195	92,485	81,602

	2024	2023
Restricted costs	£2,637	£1,784
Other costs:		
Direct charitable costs		
Mission and outreach donations	£6,179	£3,298
Activities	873	520
	7,052	3,818
Support costs		
Premises	£21,887	£19,330
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	2,833	2,492
Legal and professional	1,331	1,734
Bank charges	251	269
Mortgage interest	4,951	4,090
Subscription and fees	2,253	2,154
	33,506	30,069
TOTAL	43,195	35,671

6. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2024	2023
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	£4,506	£4,442

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
Wages and salaries	£35,241	£32,350
Social security costs	3,608	3,378
Pension costs	5,935	5,761
	44,784	41,489

During the year the charity employed an average of 1 employees (2023: 1). No employees earned more than £60,000 per annum in this or the previous year.

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Furniture and equipment	Total
Cost:			
At 1 April 2023	£345,000	£23,933	£368,933
Additions	-	1,578	1,578
At 31 March 2024	345,000	25,511	370,511
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2023	41,820	7,768	49,588
Charge for the year	3,485	1,021	4,506
At 31 March 2024	45,305	8,789	54,094
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2024	299,695	16,722	316,417
At 31 March 2023	303,180	16,165	319,345

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024	2023
Debtors	£4,918	£5,574
Prepayments	5,038	4,132
	9,956	9,706

10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2024	2023
Lloyds - Current account	£17,449	£17,914
Lloyds - Savings Account	14,100	12,567
Kingdom Savings Account	16,510	15,138
Cash in hand	817	587
	48,876	46,206

11. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
Trade creditors	£3,789	£3,446
Mortgage account	4,523	4,055
	8,312	7,501

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
Mortgage account	£70,154	£74,481

13. MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

The company has a mortgage secured on the leasehold property. Obligations falling due are as follows:

	2024	2023
Amounts payable with 12 months	£4,523	£4,055
Amounts payable after 12 months but within 5 years	£17,090	£16,220
Amounts falling due for payment after more than 5 years	53,064	58,261
	70,154	74,481

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Fixed assets	£316,417	£ -	£316,417	£319,345
Current assets	(20,950)	1,316	(19,634)	(26,070)
	295,467	1,316	296,783	293,275

15. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

None of the members or trustees of the charity, with the exception of Mr. P.I. Brayshaw (Senior Minister), were remunerated directly or indirectly during the year ended 31 March 2024 (see Note 7).

16 CONTINGENCIES AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In the opinion of the trustees and members of the company at 31 March 2024 there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual liabilities.

17. OTHER INFORMATION

Hope Community Church is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England (Registered Number 06181631). Its registered office is Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST1 2BX.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1118923

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FOR

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHARITY NUMBER 1118923

COMPANY NUMBER 06181631

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Company Information

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2023

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Results

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 7 and shows the net incoming resources for the period.

Principal activities, Trading Review and Future Developments

The company's principal activity is the provision of help and support to people inside and outside the church community.

The company was incorporated on 23 March 2007.

The result for the year was a surplus of £12,092 (2022: Deficit £7,206) and this has been added to the total reserves carried forward.

The Trustees recognise that the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic had a significant impact on the income streams for Hope Community Church, resulting in a loss for both 2021 and 2022. Room hires and other revenue streams began to revive towards the end of this period and continued to improve during the financial year 2022/2023 so that we have achieved a surplus at the end of this period.

The Trustees are aware that external factors such as an increase in Bank Interest Rates and the rising cost of energy bills will increase running costs for the church in 2022/2023 and will continue to do so in 2023/2024. In anticipation of mitigating the impact of these, the Church secured a three year fixed deal for Gas supply in March 2022 and a discounted rate for mortgage repayments in May 2022. A positive impact on these outgoings can be seen in the accounts this year from these arrangements. The church has also received grants in this period towards IT investment and maintenance and Foodbank running costs that has supported with church outgoings and financial management.

The Trustees are confident about future sustainability as room hires income increases to close the gap to pre-covid levels of revenue and the church continues to grow.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were:

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Mr. Raphael Hirschi

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 21 November 2023 and signed on its behalf.

MRS. S. ROCHESTER Director

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Overview

This period saw a continued return to aspects of pre-pandemic Church life and the church continues to go from strength to strength.

We were delighted to see volunteers returning to service and new volunteers coming forward. We have been able to increase the frequency of our children's sessions and reinstate job club & IT access sessions. Attendance and visitor numbers increased during the period. We have been particularly pleased to welcome into our church family a number of Farsi-speaking people who are seeking asylum from the Iranian regime.

The church family has relished being able to share meals and social events once again, and it has been a particular joy to have two baptism services.

The level of commitment at Hope Community Church remains high and the Trustees would like to thank the congregation for their faithfulness.

During this period there were no changes to the Trustees.

The Trustees had regard to the public benefit when planning the activities of the church

Below is a summary of the church's activities in furtherance of its objects during the year:

- Weekly Sunday church services for corporate worship, prayer, communion, Bible teaching, encouragement, fellowship and Hope Kids United children's worship and teaching.
    - Live online services continued in April, then were replaced from May by edited highlights of the Sunday services available to watch on YouTube.
- Regular family services.
- Fortnightly Life Groups in homes across the city for discussion of Bible passages and their practical application, prayer and mutual support.
- Prayer meetings with the option to join online.
- Bible teaching and discussion meetings with Farsi interpretation.
- Baptism services
- Youth social events
- Whole-church social events
- Men's and women's events offering a mixture of social and spiritual activities.
- Pastoral support and mentoring.
- Prayer text message facility.
- Provision of devotional materials.
- Provision of teaching materials in Farsi.
- Children's teaching materials provided for families to use at home for the first part of the year.
- Lending library of Christian books
- Participation in local inter-denominational services for worship and prayer.
- Minister's participation in local inter-denominational church leaders' fellowship.
- Weekly free computer/internet access and Job Club.
- Weekly Foodbank distribution sessions. Trussell Trust figures show that our Foodbank Centre distributed 3 days' worth of food to 1,789 people. This is a 106% increase.

- Regular donations of food to the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank totalling 723.07 kg.
- Minister chaired the Northwood Residents' Association until February 2023 and thereafter served as Treasurer.
- Minister serves as a governor of the Esprit Multi-Academy Trust.
- Regular assemblies at three local schools.
- Low-cost hire of church premises to charities and adult education and training as permitted in Covid-19 safety guidelines.
- Financial donations to Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank, Beacon House of Prayer, Soul Action in South Africa and Compassion.

Finance
There was a net surplus for the year of £12,092 compared to a reported deficit of £7,206 for 2022. Total income increased by £18,585 and total expenditure decreased by £713.

Our overall closing cash position is £5,301 higher than 2022 which is attributed to increases in room letting income of £8,643 and donations of £6,921. Net current assets was £48,411 this year compared with £39,595 in 2022.

Reserves policy
The charity has adopted a reserves policy the aim of which is to have reserves of £50,000, which comprises:

- A specific reserve of £35,000 to cover unforeseen emergencies or drop in income. This figure is based on approximately 3 months operating costs with an extra £5000 for emergency maintenance and equipment replacement.
- £15,000 available in the current account to safely cover monthly cash flow.

Use of Reserves
The reserves are held for the following purposes and may be used for them in accordance with the Hope Expenditure Policy:

- operating costs that are not covered by income
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- equipment replacement.

Policy Review
This Policy is reviewed annually ready for publishing it with the accounts.

Policy Implementation
An increase in Room Hire and other revenue streams had enabled the level of our Reserves to increase and reach £50,000 at the end of the financial year 2019/2020.

However, at the moment we are still falling short of our Reserves target,

This is a result of our regular expenditure versus our income making it impossible to maintain this level of reserve during 2021 and 2022. This was mainly due to the impact of Covid on our income streams with reduced room hires that generate a significant proportion of our income and a slower recovery of this revenue stream than anticipated during this period. As room hires and other revenue streams continued to improve during the financial year 2022/2023 we achieved a surplus at the end of this period, placing us in a position to begin closing the gap to our Reserves Target through 2023/2024 and ultimately return to 2019/2020 levels of financial security.

We continue to aim to transfer £100 a month into an account to build up a Specific Reserve.

Further monthly and ad hoc sums will be transferred until the desired target is once again met.

MR. P.I. BRAYSHAW Chair of Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Hope Community Church

21 November 2023

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees/Members of Hope Community Church

We report on the accounts of the Company for the ended 31 March 2023 (charity number 1118923) which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income was less than £250,000 but we are qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1)(a) of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

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

St. Pauls House,
North Street,
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs
22 November 2023

G. E. SHENTON & CO LTD
Chartered Certified Accountants

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	2	£69,528	£1,370	£70,898	£63,977
Charitable activities	3	19,767	-	19,767	11,124
Other income	4	-	2,988	2,988	-
Investment income		41	-	41	8
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		89,336	4,358	93,694	75,109
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	5	75,738	1,784	77,522	78,199
Other expenditure:					
Funding and Publicity	5	2,040	-	2,040	2,058
Management and Administration	5	2,040	-	2,040	2,058
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		79,818	1,784	81,602	82,315
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		9,518	2,574	12,092	(7,206)
GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		2,338	(2,338)	-	-
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEING ALSO THE NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		11,856	236	12,092	(7,206)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		280,281	902	281,183	288,389
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		292,137	1,138	293,275	281,183

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes		2023		2022
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	8		£319,345		£321,002
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	9	£9,706		£5,875	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	46,206		40,905	
		55,912		46,780	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	11	3,446		3,665	
Mortgage	11,12,13	4,055		3,520	
		7,501		7,185	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			48,411		39,595
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			367,756		360,597
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year					
Mortgage	11,12,13		74,481		79,414
NET ASSETS			293,275		281,183
REPRESENTED BY: FUNDS AND RESERVES					
Unrestricted funds	14		293,275		281,183

The directors state:

a. that for the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies,

b. that members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, and

c. that they acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The company has opted not to file a copy of its Profit and Loss at Companies House in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed S. ROCHESTER Director

The accounts were approved by the directors and were authorised by them for issue on 21 November 2023

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard UK and Republic of Ireland and with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Grants
Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

(c) Donations, fundraising and Gifts
Donations, gifts and fund raising are recognised in the accounts on a received basis with the exception of items donated for sale in the charity shop which are only included as income when they are sold and until then are not valued and tax recoverable on gift aid. Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charity. No value is assigned to donated facilities, nor to items provided for raffle prizes or consumption by users of the church.

(d) Legacies
Legacies are included in the SOFA when the full amount has been received.

(e) Contributions by members and all other income
These are all recognised in the financial statements when receivable.

(f) Expenditure and support costs
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and where incurred on activities falling directly within one cost category is included accordingly. The support costs of the charity which include wages and salaries, premises, telephone, printing, postage, stationery, equipment hire, subscriptions, training and insurance are allocated based on the level of activity. The percentages applied are:

Direct charitable expenditure	95%
Fundraising and publicity	2.5%
Management and administration	2.5%

(g) Capitalisation
Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Expenditure on leasehold property, fixtures, equipment and office equipment which exceeds £250 and provides a long term benefit is capitalised.

(h) Depreciation and amortisation
Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to write down their cost over their useful lives. The rates and bases have been reviewed accordingly this year, based on their expected useful lives. The depreciation rates currently in use are:

Leasehold property	100 years straight line basis
Fixtures and equipment	25 years straight line basis

(i) Taxation
No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(j) Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

(k) Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price. Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 20231

(l) Reserves policy
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Use of Reserves
The reserves are held for the following purposes and may be used for them in accordance with the Hope Expenditure Policy:

- operating costs that are not covered by income
- emergency maintenance
- equipment replacement.

Policy Review
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(m) Leased assets
A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(n) Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2. **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Donations:				
Voluntary income	£58,177	£1,370	£59,547	£53,903
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	11,351	-	11,351	10,074
	69,528	1,370	70,898	63,977

3. **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Youth work activity	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room lettings	18,405	-	18,405	10,927
Church Development activity	1,362	-	1,362	197
	19,767	-	19,767	11,124

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Sundry grants	£ -	£2,988	£2,988	£ -

5. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	2023 Total	2022 Total
Direct charitable expenditure:					
Unrestricted	£39,415	£4,220	£32,103	£75,738	£76,681
Restricted	-	-	1,784	1,784	1,518
	39,415	4,220	33,887	77,522	78,199
Other expenditure:					
Fundraising and publicity	1,037	111	892	2,040	2,058
Management and administration	1,037	111	892	2,040	2,058
	41,489	4,442	35,671	81,602	82,315

	2023	2022
Restricted costs	£1,784	£1,518
Other costs:		
Direct charitable costs		
Mission and outreach donations	£3,298	£2,638
Activities	520	52
	3,818	2,690
Support costs		
Premises	£19,330	£18,657
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	2,492	2,628
Legal and professional	1,734	1,165
Bank charges	269	220
Mortgage interest	4,090	5,708
Subscription and fees	2,154	5,756
	30,069	34,134
TOTAL	35,671	38,342

6. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2023	2022
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	£4,442	£4,331

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	£32,350	£31,443
Social security costs	3,378	3,119
Pension costs	5,761	5,080
	41,489	39,642

During the year the charity employed an average of 1 employees (2022: 1). No employees earned more than £60,000 per annum in this or the previous year.

8. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Furniture and equipment	Total
Cost:			
At 1 April 2022	£345,000	£21,148	£366,148
Additions	-	2,785	2,785
At 31 March 2023	345,000	23,933	368,933
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2022	38,335	6,811	45,146
Charge for the year	3,485	957	4,442
At 31 March 2023	41,820	7,768	49,588
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2023	303,180	16,165	319,345
At 31 March 2022	306,665	14,337	321,002

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2023	2022
Debtors	£5,574	£1,679
Prepayments	4,132	4,196
	9,706	5,875

10. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2023	2022
Lloyds - Current account	£17,914	£11,400
Lloyds - Savings Account	12,567	15,042
Kingdom Savings Account	15,138	13,922
Cash in hand	587	541
	46,206	40,905

11. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
Trade creditors	£3,446	£3,665
Mortgage account	4,055	3,520
	7,501	7,185

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

12. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
Mortgage account	£74,481	£79,414

13. MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

The company has a mortgage secured on the leasehold property. Obligations falling due are as follows:

	2023	2022
Amounts payable with 12 months	£4,055	£3,520
Amounts payable after 12 months but within 5 years	£16,220	£15,433
Amounts falling due for payment after more than 5 years	58,261	63,981
	74,481	79,414

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Fixed assets	£319,345	£ -	£319,345	£321,002
Current assets	(27,208)	1,138	(26,070)	(39,819)
	292,137	1,138	293,275	281,183

15. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

None of the members or trustees of the charity, with the exception of Mr. P.I. Brayshaw (Senior Minister), were remunerated directly or indirectly during the year ended 31 March 2023 (see Note 7).

16 CONTINGENCIES AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In the opinion of the trustees and members of the company at 31 March 2023 there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual liabilities.

17 OTHER INFORMATION

Hope Community Church is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England (Registered Number 06181631). Its registered office is Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST1 2BX.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1118923

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOR

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHARITY NUMBER 1118923

COMPANY NUMBER 06181631

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Company Information

For the year ended 31 March 2022

DIRECTORS:	K. Poxon P.I. Brayshaw J. Tellwright S. Rochester C. Maina R. Hirschi
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Hope Community Church Upper Huntbach Street Hanley Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST1 2BX
REGISTERED NUMBER:	06181631 (England and Wales)
ACCOUNTANTS:	G.E. Shenton & Co Ltd St. Pauls House North Street Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1AZ

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2022

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Results

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 7 and shows the net incoming resources for the period.

Principal activities, Trading Review and Future Developments

The company's principal activity is the provision of help and support to people inside and outside the church community.

The company was incorporated on 23 March 2007.

The result for the year was a deficit of £7,206 (2021: Deficit £8,725) and this has been added to the total reserves carried forward.

The Trustees recognise that the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on income streams for Hope Community Church, resulting in a loss in this period. This was due to reduced room hires and other revenue streams. These began to revive during the period and have continued to improve during the financial year 2022/23, albeit more slowly than anticipated.

The Trustees are aware that external factors such as an increase in Bank Interest Rates and the rising cost of energy bills will increase running costs for the church in 2022/2023. In anticipation of mitigating the impact of these, the Church secured a three year fixed deal for Gas supply in March 2022 and has accepted a new discounted interest rate for mortgage repayments in May 2022.

The Trustees are confident about future sustainability as room hire continued to gather momentum and the church continues to grow.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were:

Mrs. Karen Poxon
Mr. Philip Ian Brayshaw
Mrs. Janet Tellwright
Mrs. Sasha Rochester
Mrs. Caroline Maina
Mr. Raphael Hirschi

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 20 October 2022 and signed on its behalf.

MRS. S. ROCHESTER Director

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Administration Details

Address: Hope Community Church, Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., ST1 2BX

Hope Community Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commissioners (Registration Number 1118923) and as a company limited by guarantee is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors/Trustees

Mrs. Karen Poxon
Mr. Philip Ian Brayshaw
Mrs. Janet Tellwright
Mrs. Sasha Rochester
Mrs. Caroline Maina
Mr. Raphael Hirschi

Bankers

Lloyds plc serves the Management Committee as Bankers.

Solicitors

Geldards Solicitors act as solicitors to the Charity and provide advice on charity matters.

Accountants

G.E. Shenton & Co Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants, St. Pauls House, North Street, Newcastle, Staffs., ST5 1AZ

Charity's Objectives and Activities during the year

Objects and activities

The objects of the Company are for the benefit of the public:

a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit;

b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time think fit; and

c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Overview

Throughout this period the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact the activities of Hope Community Church. The Trustees and Leadership Team sustained their hard work to carry out our vision in the best possible way whilst keeping people safe and respecting evolving Government guidance. This continued to involve radical changes to the running of the church.

The return of congregational singing and the end of requirements for widespread mask-wearing gave a much-needed boost to the spirits of the congregation. We were delighted to successfully reinstate face-to-face children's worship and teaching sessions. Attendance increased during the period, as did visitor numbers. We maintained our online provision in order to remain as inclusive as possible.

The level of commitment at Hope Community Church remains high and the Trustees would like to thank the congregation for their faithfulness over the past difficult year.

During this period there were no changes to the Trustees.

The Trustees had regard to the public benefit when planning the activities of the church.

Below is a summary of the church's activities in furtherance of its objects during the year:

- Weekly Sunday church services for corporate worship, prayer, communion, Bible teaching and encouragement provided in several formats:
    - In person in a Covid-safe way as allowed for by Government restrictions.
    - Live online, also available to watch later.
    - On CD for those without internet access.
- Children's worship and teaching sessions.
- Children's teaching materials provided for families to use at home.
- Ad-hoc youth and children's online meetings.
- Online prayer meetings.
- Prayer text message facility.
- Provision of devotional materials.
- Online Freedom in Christ course.
- Pastoral support and mentoring.
- Baby dedication services.
- Participation in online local inter-denominational services for prayer and for worship.
- Minister's participation in church leaders' fellowship.
- Adapted Foodbank sessions to continue providing emergency food in a Covid-safe way. Delivery service offered for local people self-isolating. Trussell Trust figures show that our Foodbank Centre distributed 3 days' worth of food to 870 people.
- Regular donations of food to the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank totalling 618 kg.

- Financial donations to Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank, Beacon House of Prayer, Soul Action in South Africa and Compassion in Burkina Faso.
- Minister chaired the Northwood Residents' Association.
- Minister serves as a governor of the Esprit Multi-Academy Trust.
- Low-cost hire of church premises to charities and adult education and training as permitted in Covid-19 safety guidelines.

Finance
There was a net deficit for the year of £7,206 compared to a reported deficit of £8,725 for 2021. Total income increased by £3,969 and total expenditure increased by £2,450.

Our overall closing cash position is £3,258 lower than 2021 despite an increase in room letting income of £6,090. Net current assets was £39,595 this year compared with £46,435 in 2021.

Reserves policy
The charity has adopted a reserves policy the aim of which is to have reserves of £50,000, which comprises:

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Policy Review
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Policy Implementation
An increase in Room Hire and other revenue streams had enabled the level of our Reserves to increase and reach £50,000 at the end of the financial year 2019/2020.

However, at the moment we are still falling short of our Reserves target,

This is again because our regular expenditure versus income made it impossible to maintain this level of reserve at this time. This was mainly due to the impact of Covid on our income streams and in particular reduced room hires that generate a significant proportion of our current income.

We continue to aim to transfer £100 a month into an account to build up a Specific Reserve.

Further monthly and ad hoc sums will be transferred until the desired target is once again met.

MR. P.I. BRAYSHAW Chair of Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Hope Community Church

20 October 2022

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees/Members of Hope Community Church

We report on the accounts of the Company for the ended 31 March 2022 (charity number 1118923) which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income was less than £250,000 but we are qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1)(a) of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

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

St. Pauls House,
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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs
21 October 2022

G. E. SHENTON & CO LTD
Chartered Certified Accountants

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	2	£62,543	£1,434	£63,977	£66,285
Charitable activities	3	11,124	-	11,124	4,847
Investment income		8	-	8	8
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		73,675	1,434	75,109	71,140
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	4	76,681	1,518	78,199	75,871
Other expenditure:					
Funding and Publicity	4	2,058	-	2,058	1,997
Management and Administration	4	2,058	-	2,058	1,997
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		80,797	1,518	82,315	79,865
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(7,122)	(84)	(7,206)	(8,725)
GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEING ALSO THE NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(7,122)	(84)	(7,206)	(8,725)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		287,403	986	288,389	297,114
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		280,281	902	281,183	288,389

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes		2022		2021
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	7		£321,002		£324,931
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	£5,875		£8,860	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	40,905		44,163	
		46,780		53,023	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	10	3,665		3,268	
Mortgage	10,12,12	3,520		3,320	
		7,185		6,588	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			39,595		46,435
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			360,597		371,366
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year					
Mortgage	10,11,12		79,414		82,977
NET ASSETS			281,183		288,389
REPRESENTED BY: FUNDS AND RESERVES					
Unrestricted funds	13		281,183		288,389

The directors state:

a. that for the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies,

b. that members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, and

c. that they acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The company has opted not to file a copy of its Profit and Loss at Companies House in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed S. ROCHESTER Director

The accounts were approved by the directors and were authorised by them for issue on 20 October 2022

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard UK and Republic of Ireland and with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Grants
Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

(c) Donations, fundraising and Gifts
Donations, gifts and fund raising are recognised in the accounts on a received basis with the exception of items donated for sale in the charity shop which are only included as income when they are sold and until then are not valued and tax recoverable on gift aid. Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charity. No value is assigned to donated facilities, nor to items provided for raffle prizes or consumption by users of the church.

(d) Legacies
Legacies are included in the SOFA when the full amount has been received.

(e) Contributions by members and all other income
These are all recognised in the financial statements when receivable.

(f) Expenditure and support costs
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and where incurred on activities falling directly within one cost category is included accordingly. The support costs of the charity which include wages and salaries, premises, telephone, printing, postage, stationery, equipment hire, subscriptions, training and insurance are allocated based on the level of activity. The percentages applied are:

Direct charitable expenditure	95%
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Management and administration	2.5%

(g) Capitalisation
Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Expenditure on leasehold property, fixtures, equipment and office equipment which exceeds £250 and provides a long term benefit is capitalised.

(h) Depreciation and amortisation
Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to write down their cost over their useful lives. The rates and bases have been reviewed accordingly this year, based on their expected useful lives. The depreciation rates currently in use are:

Leasehold property	100 years straight line basis
Fixtures and equipment	25 years straight line basis

(i) Taxation
No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(j) Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

(k) Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price. Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 20221

(l) Reserves policy
The charity has adopted a reserves policy the aim of which is to have reserves of £50,000, which comprises:

- A specific reserve of £35,000 to cover unforeseen emergencies or drop in income. This figure is based on approximately 3 months operating costs with an extra £5000 for emergency maintenance and equipment replacement.
- £15,000 available in the current account to safely cover monthly cash flow.

Use of Reserves
The reserves are held for the following purposes and may be used for them in accordance with the Hope Expenditure Policy:

- operating costs that are not covered by income
- emergency maintenance
- equipment replacement.

Policy Review
This Policy is reviewed annually ready for publishing it with the accounts.

(m) Leased assets
A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(n) Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2. **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
Donations:				
Voluntary income	£52,469	£1,434	£53,903	£56,007
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,074	-	10,074	10,278
	62,543	1,434	63,977	66,285

3. **CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
Youth work activity	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room lettings	10,927	-	10,927	4,837
Church Development activity	197	-	197	10
	11,124	-	11,124	4,847

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	2022 Total	2021 Total
Direct charitable expenditure:					
Unrestricted	£37,660	£4,115	£34,906	£76,681	£74,857
Restricted	-	-	1,518	1,518	1,014
	37,660	4,115	36,424	78,199	75,871
Other expenditure:					
Fundraising and publicity	991	108	959	2,058	1,997
Management and administration	991	108	959	2,058	1,997
	39,642	4,331	38,342	82,315	79,865

	2022	2021
Restricted costs	£1,518	£1,014
Other costs:		
Direct charitable costs		
Mission and outreach donations	£2,638	£3,468
Activities	52	170
	2,690	3,638
Support costs		
Premises	£18,657	£18,187
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	2,628	2,633
Legal and professional	1,165	1,139
Bank charges	220	135
Mortgage interest	5,708	5,913
Subscription and fees	5,756	3,284
	34,134	31,291
TOTAL	38,342	35,943

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2022	2021
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	£4,331	£4,314

6. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
Wages and salaries	£31,443	£31,443
Social security costs	3,119	3,126
Pension costs	5,080	5,039
	39,642	39,608

During the year the charity employed an average of 1 employees (2021: 1). No employees earned more than £60,000 per annum in this or the previous year.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

7. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Furniture and equipment	Total
Cost:			
At 1 April 2021	£345,000	£20,746	£365,746
Additions	-	402	402
At 31 March 2022	345,000	21,148	366,148
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2021	34,850	5,965	40,815
Charge for the year	3,485	846	4,331
At 31 March 2022	38,335	6,811	45,146
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2022	306,665	14,337	321,002
At 31 March 2021	310,150	14,781	324,931

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2022	2021
Debtors	£1,679	£4,750
Prepayments	4,196	4,110
	5,875	8,860

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2022	2021
Lloyds - Current account	£11,400	£15,886
Lloyds - Savings Account	15,042	15,041
Kingdom Savings Account	13,922	12,720
Cash in hand	541	516
	40,905	44,163

10. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
Trade creditors	£3,665	£3,268
Mortgage account	3,520	3,320
	7,185	6,588

11. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
Mortgage account	£79,414	£82,977

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12. MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

The company has a mortgage secured on the leasehold property. Obligations falling due are as follows:

	2022	2021
Amounts payable with 12 months	£3,520	£3,320
Amounts payable after 12 months but within 5 years	£15,433	£15,228
Amounts falling due for payment after more than 5 years	63,981	67,749
	79,414	82,977

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
Fixed assets	£321,002	£ -	£321,002	£324,931
Current assets	(40,721)	902	(39,819)	(36,542)
	280,281	902	281,183	288,389

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

None of the members or trustees of the charity, with the exception of Mr. P.I. Brayshaw (Senior Minister), were remunerated directly or indirectly during the year ended 31 March 2022 (see Note 7).

15. CONTINGENCIES AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In the opinion of the trustees and members of the company at 31 March 2022 there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual liabilities.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Hope Community Church is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England (Registered Number 06181631). Its registered office is Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST1 2BX.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The period of National Lockdown and subsequent restrictions on Places of Worship due to Covid -19 has had a significant impact on the normal operation of Hope Community Church.

The directors are aware that income streams have been adversely affected as a result of Covid-19 but measures have been put in place to adapt activities of the charity to still fulfil its aims.

Registered Number 06181631 (England and Wales)

FILLETED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOR

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHARITY NUMBER 1118923

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

COMPANY NO. 06181631

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

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Signed S. ROCHESTER Director

The accounts were approved by the directors and were authorised by them for issue on 20 October 2022

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FILLETED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1118923

Accounts

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FOR

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHARITY NUMBER 1118923

COMPANY NUMBER 06181631

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Company Information

For the year ended 31 March 2021

DIRECTORS:	K. Poxon P.I. Brayshaw J. Tellwright S. Rochester C. Maina R. Hirschi
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Hope Community Church Upper Huntbach Street Hanley Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST1 2BX
REGISTERED NUMBER:	06181631 (England and Wales)
ACCOUNTANTS:	G.E. Shenton & Co Ltd St. Pauls House North Street Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1AZ

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2021

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Results

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 7 and shows the net incoming resources for the period.

Principal activities, Trading Review and Future Developments

The company's principal activity is the provision of help and support to people inside and outside the church community.

The company was incorporated on 23 March 2007.

The result for the year was a deficit of £8,725 (2020: Surplus £27,256) and this has been added to the total reserves carried forward.

The Trustees recognise that Covid had a significant impact on income streams for Hope Community Church, resulting in a loss in this period. This was due to reduced room hires and other revenue streams. However, these have begun to revive in the financial year 2021/22. The Trustees are confident about future sustainability as Covid restriction ease and vaccinations provide a foundation to resuming usual activities.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were:

Mrs. Karen Poxon
Mr. Philip Ian Brayshaw
Mrs. Janet Tellwright
Mrs. Sasha Rochester
Mrs. C. Maina
Mr. Raphael Hirschi

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 21 October 2021 and signed on its behalf.

MRS. S. ROCHESTER Director

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Administration Details

Address: Hope Community Church, Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., ST1 2BX

Hope Community Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commissioners (Registration Number 1118923) and as a company limited by guarantee is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors/Trustees

Mrs. Karen Poxon
Mr. Philip Ian Brayshaw
Mrs. Janet Tellwright
Mrs. Sasha Rochester
Mrs. Caroline Maina
Mr. Raphael Hirschi

Bankers

Lloyds plc serves the Management Committee as Bankers.

Solicitors

Geldards Solicitors act as solicitors to the Charity and provide advice on charity matters.

Accountants

G.E. Shenton & Co Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants, St. Pauls House, North Street, Newcastle, Staffs., ST5 1AZ

Charity's Objectives and Activities during the year

Objects and activities

The objects of the Company are for the benefit of the public:

a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit;

b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time think fit; and

c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the directors from time to time may think fit.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Overview

Throughout this period the Covid-19 pandemic impacted the activities of Hope Community Church as it did all other aspects of society. The Trustees and Leadership Team worked very hard to carry out our vision in the best possible way whilst keeping people safe and respecting changing Government guidance. This involved radical changes to the running of the church.

Having acted very quickly at the end of the previous period to establish online Sunday services, we continued to develop and extend our provision throughout the year.

2020 marked the 75th anniversary of Hope Community Church as a fellowship with Assemblies of God. Although celebrations had to be postponed, we produced an updated history of the church.

The level of commitment at Hope Community Church remains high and the Trustees would like to thank the congregation for their faithfulness over the past difficult year.

During this period there were no changes to the Trustees.

The Trustees had regard to the public benefit when planning the activities of the church.

Below is a summary of the church's activities in furtherance of its objects during the year:

- Weekly Sunday church services for corporate worship, prayer, communion, Bible teaching and encouragement provided in several formats:
  - Live online, also available to watch later.
  - On CD for those without internet access.
  - In person in a Covid-safe way as allowed for by Government restrictions.
- Children's teaching materials provided for families to use at home.
- Ad-hoc youth and children's online meetings and activities.
- Online Bible study meetings.
- Weekly online prayer meetings and prayer email/letter.
- Online "Any Questions" meeting.
- Prayer text message facility.
- Facilities made available for personal prayer in the church building.
- Participation in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative.
- Provision of devotional materials.
- Pastoral support and mentoring.
- Online course on finding your Position.
- Participation in online local inter-denominational services for prayer and for worship.
- Minister's participation in online church leaders' fellowship.
- Minister recorded material for use on UCB and Cross Rhythms Christian radio stations.
- Hope Men and Hope Women online meetings.
- Adapted Foodbank sessions to continue providing emergency food in a Covid-safe way. Delivery service offered for local people self-isolating.
- Regular donations of food to the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank totalling 711.45 kg.
- Financial donation to Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank.
- Financial donations to: Soul Action in South Africa and Compassion in Burkina Faso.
- Minister chaired the Northwood Residents' Association.
- Low-cost hire of church premises to local charities and adult education and training when permitted in Covid-19 safety guidelines.
- New website

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Finance
There was a net deficit for the year of £8,725 compared to a reported surplus of £27,256 for 2020. Total income decreased by £36,521 and total expenditure deceased by £540.

Our overall closing cash position is £7,939 worse than 2020 which is mainly attributable to the decrease in room letting income of £26,293. Net current assets was £46,435 this year compared with £54,103 in 2020.

Reserves policy
The charity has adopted a reserves policy the aim of which is to have reserves of £50,000, which comprises:

- A specific reserve of £35,000 to cover unforeseen emergencies or drop in income. This figure is based on approximately 3 months operating costs with an extra £5000 for emergency maintenance and equipment replacement.
- £15,000 available in the current account to safely cover monthly cash flow.

Use of Reserves
The reserves are held for the following purposes and may be used for them in accordance with the Hope Expenditure Policy:

- operating costs that are not covered by income
- emergency maintenance
- equipment replacement.

Policy Review
This Policy is reviewed annually ready for publishing it with the accounts.

Policy Implementation
A recent increase in Room Hire and other revenue streams had enabled the level of our Reserves to increase and reach £50,000 at the end of the financial year 2019/2020.

However, at the moment we are falling short of our Reserves target,

This is because our regular expenditure versus income has made it impossible to maintain this level of reserve at this time. This was mainly due to the impact of Covid on our income streams and in particular reduced room hires that generate a significant proportion of our current income.

We continue to transfer £100 a month into an account to build up a Specific Reserve.

Further monthly and ad hoc sums will be transferred until the desired target is once again met.

MR. P.I. BRAYSHAW Chair of Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Hope Community Church

21 October 2021

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees/Members of Hope Community Church

We report on the accounts of the Company for the ended 31 March 2021 (charity number 1118923) which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income was less than £250,000 but we are qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1)(a) of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

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

Independent Examiners Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities.

have not been met; or

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

St. Pauls House,
North Street,
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs
22 October 2021

G. E. SHENTON & CO LTD
Chartered Certified Accountants

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	2	£64,285	£2,000	£66,285	£74,042
Charitable activities	3	4,847	-	4,847	33,611
Investment income		8	-	8	8
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		69,140	2,000	71,140	107,661
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable expenditure	4	74,857	1,014	75,871	76,385
Other expenditure:					
Funding and Publicity	4	1,997	-	1,997	2,010
Management and Administration	4	1,997	-	1,997	2,010
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		78,851	1,014	79,865	80,405
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(9,711)	986	(8,725)	27,256
GROSS TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES BEING ALSO THE NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(9,711)	986	(8,725)	27,256
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		297,114	-	297,114	269,858
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		287,403	986	288,389	297,114

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes		2021		2020
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	7		£324,931		£329,245
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	£8,860		£12,413	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	44,163		52,102	
		53,023		64,515	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	10	3,268		7,192	
Mortgage	10,12,12	3,320		3,220	
		6,588		10,412	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			46,435		54,103
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			371,366		383,348
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year					
Mortgage	10,11,12		82,977		86,234
NET ASSETS			288,389		297,114
REPRESENTED BY: FUNDS AND RESERVES					
Unrestricted funds	13		288,389		297,114

The directors state:

a. that for the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies,

b. that members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, and

c. that they acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The company has opted not to file a copy of its Profit and Loss at Companies House in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed S. ROCHESTER Director

The accounts were approved by the directors and were authorised by them for issue on 21 October 2021

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts and in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard UK and Republic of Ireland and with the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Grants
Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis following the satisfaction of any pre-conditions.

(c) Donations, fundraising and Gifts
Donations, gifts and fund raising are recognised in the accounts on a received basis with the exception of items donated for sale in the charity shop which are only included as income when they are sold and until then are not valued and tax recoverable on gift aid. Gifts in kind are valued at their value to the charity. No value is assigned to donated facilities, nor to items provided for raffle prizes or consumption by users of the church.

(d) Legacies
Legacies are included in the SOFA when the full amount has been received.

(e) Contributions by members and all other income
These are all recognised in the financial statements when receivable.

(f) Expenditure and support costs
Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and where incurred on activities falling directly within one cost category is included accordingly. The support costs of the charity which include wages and salaries, premises, telephone, printing, postage, stationery, equipment hire, subscriptions, training and insurance are allocated based on the level of activity. The percentages applied are:

Direct charitable expenditure	95%
Fundraising and publicity	2.5%
Management and administration	2.5%

(g) Capitalisation
Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Expenditure on leasehold property, fixtures, equipment and office equipment which exceeds £250 and provides a long term benefit is capitalised.

(h) Depreciation and amortisation
Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at annual rates calculated to write down their cost over their useful lives. The rates and bases have been reviewed accordingly this year, based on their expected useful lives. The depreciation rates currently in use are:

Leasehold property	100 years straight line basis
Fixtures and equipment	25 years straight line basis

(i) Taxation
No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the charity is entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(j) Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

(k) Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price. Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

(l) Reserves policy
The charity has adopted a reserves policy the aim of which is to have reserves of £50,000, which comprises:

- A specific reserve of £35,000 to cover unforeseen emergencies or drop in income. This figure is based on approximately 3 months operating costs with an extra £5000 for emergency maintenance and equipment replacement.
- £15,000 available in the current account to safely cover monthly cash flow.

Use of Reserves
The reserves are held for the following purposes and may be used for them in accordance with the Hope Expenditure Policy:

- operating costs that are not covered by income
- emergency maintenance
- equipment replacement.

Policy Review
This Policy is reviewed annually ready for publishing it with the accounts.

(m) Leased assets
A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. The rights of use and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised as assets and liabilities at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction in the outstanding liability using the effective interest rate method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Leased assets are depreciated in accordance with the company's policy for tangible fixed assets. If there is no reasonable certainty that ownership will be obtained at the end of the lease term, the asset is depreciated over the lower of the lease term and its useful life. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(n) Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
Donations:				
Voluntary income	£54,007	£2,000	£56,007	£61,952
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,278	-	10,278	12,090
	64,285	2,000	66,285	74,042

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
Youth work activity	£ -	£ -	£ -	£368
Room lettings	4,837	-	4,837	31,130
Church Development activity	10	-	10	2,113
	4,847	-	4,847	33,611

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	2021 Total	2020 Total
Direct charitable expenditure:					
Unrestricted	£37,628	£4,098	£33,131	£74,857	£75,287
Restricted	-	-	1,014	1,014	1,098
	37,628	4,098	34,145	75,871	76,385
Other expenditure:					
Fundraising and publicity	990	108	899	1,997	2,010
Management and administration	990	108	899	1,997	2,010
	39,608	4,314	35,943	79,865	80,405

	2021	2020
Restricted costs	£1,014	£1,098
Other costs:		
Direct charitable costs		
Mission and outreach donations	£3,468	£2,813
Activities	170	700
	3,638	3,513
Support costs		
Premises	£18,187	£19,248
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	2,633	2,392
Legal and professional	1,139	1,193
Bank charges	135	234
Mortgage interest	5,913	6,155
Subscription and fees	3,284	3,184
	31,291	32,406
TOTAL	35,943	37,017

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2021	2020
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	£4,314	£4,314

6. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
Wages and salaries	£31,443	£32,302
Social security costs	3,126	3,195
Pension costs	5,039	3,577
	39,608	39,074

During the year the charity employed an average of 1 employees (2020: 1). No employees earned more than £60,000 per annum in this or the previous year.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

7. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Furniture and equipment	Total
Cost:			
At 1 April 2020	£345,000	£20,746	£365,746
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	345,000	20,746	365,746
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2020	31,365	5,136	36,501
Charge for the year	3,485	829	4,314
At 31 March 2021	34,850	5,965	40,815
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2020	313,635	15,610	329,245
At 31 March 2021	310,150	14,781	324,931

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2021	2020
Debtors	£4,750	£8,393
Prepayments	4,110	4,020
	8,860	12,413

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021	2020
Lloyds - Current account	£15,886	£25,408
Lloyds - Savings Account	15,041	15,037
Kingdom Savings Account	12,720	11,516
Cash in hand	516	141
	44,163	52,102

10. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
Trade creditors	£3,268	£7,192
Mortgage account	3,320	3,220
	6,588	10,412

11. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
Mortgage account	£82,977	£86,234

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

12. MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

The company has a mortgage secured on the leasehold property. Obligations falling due are as follows:

	2021	2020
Amounts payable with 12 months	£3,320	£3,220
Amounts payable after 12 months but within 5 years	£15,228	£15,012
Amounts falling due for payment after more than 5 years	67,749	71,222
	82,977	86,234

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
Fixed assets	£324,931	£ -	£324,931	£329,245
Current assets	(37,528)	986	(36,542)	(32,131)
	287,403	986	288,389	297,114

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

None of the members or trustees of the charity, with the exception of Mr. P.I. Brayshaw (Senior Minister), were remunerated directly or indirectly during the year ended 31 March 2021 (see Note 7).

15. CONTINGENCIES AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In the opinion of the trustees and members of the company at 31 March 2021 there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual liabilities.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Hope Community Church is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England (Registered Number 06181631). Its registered office is Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST1 2BX.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The period of National Lockdown and subsequent restrictions on Places of Worship due to Covid -19 has had a significant impact on the normal operation of Hope Community Church.

The directors are aware that income streams have been adversely affected as a result of Covid-19 but measures have been put in place to adapt activities of the charity to still fulfil its aims.

Registered Number 06181631 (England and Wales)

FILLETED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FOR

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CHARITY NUMBER 1118923

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

COMPANY NO. 06181631

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

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REPRESENTED BY: FUNDS AND RESERVES					
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The directors state:

a. that for the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies,

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c. that they acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts.

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Signed S. ROCHESTER Director

The accounts were approved by the directors and were authorised by them for issue on 21 October 2021

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
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Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,278	-	10,278	12,090
	64,285	2,000	66,285	74,042

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Church Development activity	10	-	10	2,113
	4,847	-	4,847	33,611

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

4. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	2021 Total	2020 Total
Direct charitable expenditure:					
Unrestricted	£37,628	£4,098	£33,131	£74,857	£75,287
Restricted	-	-	1,014	1,014	1,098
	37,628	4,098	34,145	75,871	76,385
Other expenditure:					
Fundraising and publicity	990	108	899	1,997	2,010
Management and administration	990	108	899	1,997	2,010
	39,608	4,314	35,943	79,865	80,405

	2021	2020
Restricted costs	£1,014	£1,098
Other costs:		
Direct charitable costs		
Mission and outreach donations	£3,468	£2,813
Activities	170	700
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Support costs		
Premises	£18,187	£19,248
Printing, postage, stationery and telephone	2,633	2,392
Legal and professional	1,139	1,193
Bank charges	135	234
Mortgage interest	5,913	6,155
Subscription and fees	3,284	3,184
	31,291	32,406
TOTAL	35,943	37,017

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

	2021	2020
This is stated after charging:		
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	2021	2020
Wages and salaries	£31,443	£32,302
Social security costs	3,126	3,195
Pension costs	5,039	3,577
	39,608	39,074

During the year the charity employed an average of 1 employees (2020: 1). No employees earned more than £60,000 per annum in this or the previous year.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

7. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Furniture and equipment	Total
Cost:			
At 1 April 2020	£345,000	£20,746	£365,746
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	345,000	20,746	365,746
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2020	31,365	5,136	36,501
Charge for the year	3,485	829	4,314
At 31 March 2021	34,850	5,965	40,815
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2020	313,635	15,610	329,245
At 31 March 2021	310,150	14,781	324,931

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2021	2020
Debtors	£4,750	£8,393
Prepayments	4,110	4,020
	8,860	12,413

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021	2020
Lloyds - Current account	£15,886	£25,408
Lloyds - Savings Account	15,041	15,037
Kingdom Savings Account	12,720	11,516
Cash in hand	516	141
	44,163	52,102

10. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
Trade creditors	£3,268	£7,192
Mortgage account	3,320	3,220
	6,588	10,412

11. LIABILITIES - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
Mortgage account	£82,977	£86,234

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12. MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

The company has a mortgage secured on the leasehold property. Obligations falling due are as follows:

	2021	2020
Amounts payable with 12 months	£3,320	£3,220
Amounts payable after 12 months but within 5 years	£15,228	£15,012
Amounts falling due for payment after more than 5 years	67,749	71,222
	82,977	86,234

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
Fixed assets	£324,931	£ -	£324,931	£329,245
Current assets	(37,528)	986	(36,542)	(32,131)
	287,403	986	288,389	297,114

14. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

None of the members or trustees of the charity, with the exception of Mr. P.I. Brayshaw (Senior Minister), were remunerated directly or indirectly during the year ended 31 March 2021 (see Note 7).

15. CONTINGENCIES AND CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In the opinion of the trustees and members of the company at 31 March 2021 there were no contingent liabilities and no contractual liabilities.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Hope Community Church is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England (Registered Number 06181631). Its registered office is Upper Huntbach Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST1 2BX.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The period of National Lockdown and subsequent restrictions on Places of Worship due to Covid -19 has had a significant impact on the normal operation of Hope Community Church.

The directors are aware that income streams have been adversely affected as a result of Covid-19 but measures have been put in place to adapt activities of the charity to still fulfil its aims.