

Registered Company Number: 06552033 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity Number 1125698

HOPE THROUGH ACTION
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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Company Information
For the Year Ended 5 April 2025

TRUSTEES:

P J Bland
P R Thompson
S Randall
J H Erasmus

SECRETARY:

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REGISTERED OFFICE:

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CHARITY NUMBER:

1125698

REGISTERED NUMBER:

06552033

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

The Trustees submit their report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and to the date of this report were:

P J Bland
P R Thompson
S Randall
J H Erasmus

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee (06552033), incorporated on 1 April 2008 and registered as a charity (1125698) on 3 September 2008. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. The day to day running of the charity is managed by the trustees.

Recruitment and Appointment

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting. The minimum number of trustees is 3. Trustees are skilled to carry out their duties and responsibilities. If, however, further training is required then it will be provided.

Principal Objectives and Activities of the Charity

The company's objects and principal activities are:

- Through advancing education, relieving poverty and sickness and preserving and protecting the good health of people in Africa (and in particular, but not exclusively, in South Africa).
- Advancing in life and relieving the needs of young people by:
 1. Providing an indoor stadium(s) and playing fields primarily (although not exclusively) to help enable young people in the area of benefit to break out of the cycle of poverty, ill health, crime, drug abuse and marginalisation.
 2. The provision of other recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interests of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life.
 3. Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the charity commission's general guidance in public benefit when reviewing the trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

Grant making policy

- Grants will only be made from the funds of Hope Through Action (HTA) to organisations whose objectives align with those of HTA;
- Occasionally it will be appropriate to make grants to individuals for specific project/activities. Any such grants will only be paid into recognised bank accounts and for defined purposes;
- Grants will not be made to political parties or to individuals for political purposes;
- Wherever possible feedback should be requested and provided from the recipient to demonstrate, evidentially, the outcomes achieved against those agreed prior to the grant being made.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

Achievements and Performance

In this period the charity has raised a total of £203,339 (2024: £142,151) and has expenses amounting to £206,097 (2024: £106,158), of which £190,636 (2024: £93,816) was granted to the Hope Through Action Foundation (SA) a Section 21 company based in South Africa. A formal Memorandum of Understanding has been established between the charity and the foundation in South Africa. This South African based organisation is the legal owner of facilities built in order to achieve the objectives of the charity.

The grants made towards the work in South Africa have enabled significant progress to be made in bringing about positive change in the lives of young people and their community.

The foundation in South Africa now operates, either directly or via partners, three community sports centres, two schools and a Learning Development Centre. The communities in which the charity have the privilege of working are becoming increasingly violent and unsafe places for children and young people. The centres are safe havens for young people to develop and grow.

The charity is conscious of its responsibilities to protect the children and young people with whom the charity, and partners, work. The charity has therefore continued to review its safeguarding policies and procedures and those of its key partners.

The Trustees of the foundation in South Africa continue to work with SCORE (Sports Coaching Outreach) as a local partner to run the centres and deliver the six key programmes i.e. health, welfare, education, leadership, business development and sports excellence. Programmes in the centres are aimed at helping young people develop physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually.

The programmes being delivered have now a major focus on education and the @HomeLearning initiative, in partnership with Western Cape Government, continues to have a positive impact across many schools in the greater Winelands area.

The boards of both Hope Through Action and The Hope Through Action Foundation (SA) have spent time reviewing and revising the mission, objectives and impact areas to ensure that they are aligned to community needs and challenges. These are now agreed to be –

Our Mission:

Our MISSION is to empower children and young people to develop and realise their potential through sport and education

Our Impact Goals:

1. Create safe spaces for participation in sports and recreation
2. Provide sustainable learning pathways for children and youth
3. Reduce youth unemployment

Our Objectives:

1. To improve fitness and wellbeing through participation in physical activity, sport and recreation
2. To support children and young people to understand how to make positive life choices and challenge barriers to their personal development.
3. To inspire positive attitudes towards education and increase learner engagement
4. To equip young people to become more employable, finding decent work and financial independence
5. To engage parents and community stakeholders in children's and young people's education and development.

The grants made from Hope Through Action have ensured that the objectives of the charity continue to be met.

There are both common and independent trustees in these two organisations to ensure appropriate governance and risk management.

The Trustees wish to recognise the contribution made by volunteers in helping to achieve the charities objectives.

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Financial Review

There was net expenditure for the year of £2,650 (2024: £36,073 net income) with retained funds of £45,747 (2024: £48,397) at the year end. The cash at bank and in hand figure has decreased at year end to £28,790 (2024: £54,457) and the other debtors balance of £23,317 (2024: £nil) represents gift aid refunds received post year end. The creditors balance of £6,360 (2024: £6,060) represents accrued accountancy and independent examination fees not yet paid.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The main risk to the charity would be a reduction in donations received.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the most appropriate level of free reserves in the long term is £5,000. This is based on an estimate of what it would cost to close down the charity and pay outstanding liabilities. The reserves held at the balance sheet date are sufficient to enable the charity to achieve its objectives

Charity's Future Developments

The focus for the Trustees in the next period is to secure sufficient funds to sustain the long term operation of the South African activities and to allow the local team to respond to new challenges and community needs. It is not envisaged that there will be the requirement for significant capital funding as the approach is to concentrate on building effective development programmes at the existing facilities.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Hope Through Action for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Phil Bland

P J Bland

18/12/25
Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE THROUGH ACTION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Through Action ('the company') for the year ended 5 April 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Kerry Gallagher

Name: **Kerry Gallagher FCA DchA**

Name of applicable listed body: **The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **Chartered Accountant**

ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

Chartered Accountants
Davidson House
Forbury Square
Reading
RG1 3EU

Date: **18/12/25**
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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the Year Ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS:					
Donations and legacies	3	177,769	25,570	203,339	142,151
Investment income		108	-	108	80
TOTAL INCOME		<u>177,877</u>	<u>25,570</u>	<u>203,447</u>	<u>142,231</u>
EXPENDITURE:					
Charitable activities	4	181,095	25,002	206,097	106,158
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>181,095</u>	<u>25,002</u>	<u>206,097</u>	<u>106,158</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(3,218)	568	(2,650)	36,073
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(3,218)	568	(2,650)	36,073
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>48,158</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>48,397</u>	<u>12,324</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>44,940</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>45,747</u>	<u>48,397</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2025

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	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Current Assets					
Other debtors	10	23,317		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		28,790		54,457	
Total current assets		52,107		54,457	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,360)		(6,060)	
Net current assets			45,747		48,397
Net assets			45,747		48,397
CHARITABLE FUNDS					
Restricted Funds	12		807		239
Unrestricted Funds	12		44,940		48,158
Total Funds			45,747		48,397

For the year ended 5 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025 in accordance with Section 476.

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

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 18/12/25 and were signed on their behalf by:

Phil Bland
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P J Bland
Director

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 5 April 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently regarding items considered material to the accounts.

a) Company information

Hope Through Action is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 15 Grassfield Way, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 9AF.

b) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Hope Through Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

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

c) Going concern basis of preparation

The Trustees have considered transactions that are anticipated to take place in the foreseeable future and have concluded that no additional financial resources will be required. On this basis the Trustees have concluded that adopting the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements is appropriate. The Trustees will only commit to expenditure when the funds are available to do so.

d) Incoming resources

Donations

Donations are credited to the statement of financial activities once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income from events are credited to the statement of financial activities at the time the event takes place and income is certain.

Interest receivable

Interest received is credited to the statement of financial activities when received.

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1. Accounting Policies – continued

e) Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes grants made and a proportion of overhead and support costs.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Charity. Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the Charity.

Governance costs are related to the governance of the charity, such as trustees' expenses and independent examination fees.

f) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees;
- Restricted funds which can only be used for a particular restricted purpose within the charitable objectives. The nature and purpose of each restricted fund is included in note 12 to the financial statements.

g) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to the statement of financial activities.

h) Donations in Kind

The charity received support from many organisations throughout the year. The trustees believe that the value of this support is not quantifiable and measurable or material to disclose within the accounts.

i) Financial instruments

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

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and are offset only when the Charity currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

j) Financial assets

Other debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

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k) Financial liabilities

Financial instruments are classified as liabilities according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Creditors (including accruals) payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The trustees believe that estimates and assumptions do not have a significant risk of causing a material difference to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	154,301	22,740	177,041	133,540
Gift aid	23,468	2,830	26,298	8,611
	<u>177,769</u>	<u>25,570</u>	<u>203,339</u>	<u>142,151</u>

Of the £142,151 received in 2024 £16,956 was restricted and £125,195 was unrestricted.

4. Analysis of expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable Activities	175,748	21,852	197,600	98,073
Support Costs	1,524	3,150	4,674	4,562
Governance Costs	3,823	-	3,823	3,523
	<u>181,095</u>	<u>25,002</u>	<u>206,097</u>	<u>106,158</u>

The charity undertakes its charitable activities through making all grants to Hope Through Action Foundation, a Section 21 charitable company registered in South Africa. All charitable activities expenditure is made up of grants payable and associated travel costs which are in note 7.

Of the £106,158 expensed in 2024 £17,020 was restricted and £89,138 was unrestricted.

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5. Cost Breakdown by Activity

	Support Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Governance £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Website design and evaluation	469	-	-	469	405
Management	596	-	613	1,209	1,380
Finance	459	3,150	3,210	6,819	6,300
	<u>1,524</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>8,085</u>

6. Net (expenditure)/income for the year is stated after charging:

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent examiners fee	3,210	3,000
Accountancy	3,150	3,060
	<u>6,360</u>	<u>6,060</u>

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The Trustees received no remuneration in the period.

Included within support costs and charitable activities, is an amount of £7,174 (2024: £652) comprising £6,748 (2024: £310) on travel and other expenses incurred in South Africa, £117 (2024: £117) on subscriptions and £309 (2024: £225) on website charges, which were incurred by one trustee as part of their role as charity trustee.

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise the trustees and the senior leadership team responsible for directing and controlling, running, and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis.

8. Staff Numbers and Costs

The charity has no employees and no staff costs were incurred during the year (2024: £Nil).

9. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Charitable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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10. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	23,317	-
	<u>23,317</u>	<u>-</u>

11. Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	6,360	6,060
	<u>6,360</u>	<u>6,060</u>

12. Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 05.04.24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 05.04.25 £
Restricted Funds	239	25,570	(25,002)	-	807
Unrestricted Funds	48,158	177,877	(181,095)	-	44,940
	<u>48,397</u>	<u>203,447</u>	<u>(206,097)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,747</u>

	Balance at 05.04.23 £	Income £	Balance at Expenditure £	Transfers £	05.04.24 £
Restricted Funds	303	16,956	(17,020)	-	239
Unrestricted Funds	12,021	125,275	(89,138)	-	48,158
	<u>12,324</u>	<u>142,231</u>	<u>(106,158)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,397</u>

Restricted Funds relate to donations held in respect of the Nompumelelo, Sponsor a child and other small projects.

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13. Analysis of Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
At 5 April 2025			
Current Assets	48,150	3,957	52,107
Current Liabilities	(3,210)	(3,150)	(6,360)
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Total Net Assets	44,940	807	45,747
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
At 5 April 2024			
Current Assets	54,457	-	54,457
Current Liabilities	(6,060)	-	(6,060)
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Total Net Assets	48,397	-	48,397
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14. Guarantee Company and Liability of Members

Hope Through Action is a company limited by guarantee and therefore does not have any share capital.

The liability of members is limited. In the event of the company being wound up during a member's period of membership or within 12 months afterwards, an amount not exceeding £1 will be required towards the costs of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the Charity before the membership ceased. There were 4 members at the balance sheet date.

15. Related Party Transactions

Hope Through Action Foundation, a charitable company registered in South Africa, is related to the Charity through Mr P J Bland, who is a Trustee of both charities. During the year the Charity made grants to Hope Through Action Foundation of £190,636 (2024: £93,816). No balances remain outstanding at 5 April 2025 (2024: £Nil).