

ACTIVE HOPE

England & Wales · Charity number 1140534

Details

Other names ACTIVE HOPE

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07490362](#)

Registered 2011-02-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO EDUCATE AND ASSIST YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES THAT THEY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED (2) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Warrington

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-10-31 | £249,927 | £327,176 | - | - |
| 2024-10-31 | £263,470 | £270,669 | - | - |
| 2023-10-31 | £289,841 | £273,789 | - | - |
| 2022-10-31 | £321,821 | £220,143 | - | - |
| 2021-10-31 | £168,957 | £149,135 | - | - |
| 2020-10-31 | £164,716 | £138,943 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------|------|------------|
| Dr GRAHAM PALMER | | |
| Fiona Louise Avery Mrs | | 2024-01-01 |
| JONATHAN CURTIS | | |
| KEITH CURTIS | | 2024-04-18 |
| Lee Rogers | | 2024-04-18 |
| RUTH HELEN HUGHES | | 2017-07-20 |
| SUSAN MARGARET HATTON | | 2015-11-19 |

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1140534 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 07490362

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025



ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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R H Hughes
G R Palmer
A L Shields
L D Rogers

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ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2025.

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

Our background

Active Hope is a small Christian charity, founded in April 2006, becoming a Company as stated above in 2011. We use outdoor and adventure activities as a tool for reaching and connecting with underserved, disadvantaged and/or disengaged young people in Warrington, Cheshire and surrounding areas (Wigan, Widnes, St Helen's and Runcorn), particularly in those areas that are in the bottom 15% nationally for multiple signs of deprivation. Our Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis, is a qualified teacher and trained outdoor instructor. He is accountable to our Board, which comprises of 8 Directors.

Our staff team working with Dan has 3 full time instructors who are qualified and training in a range of outdoor activities. We have a Part time Office Manager & part-time Business manager and are also supported by a large number of occasional volunteers.

Objectives and activities

The education and assistance of young people through their leisure time activity to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities to grow to full maturity as and members of society and to improve their conditions of life. To advance the Christian religion and Christian lifestyle through outdoor and adventurous activities. We are committed to:

- Giving children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds, particularly those from difficult and deprived backgrounds, unique life changing experiences through outdoor activities, such as mountain biking, climbing, rope courses, archery, orienteering, raft building and kayaking.
- Removing barriers from taking part for those groups whose access is limited by circumstances, e.g. finance, transport and equipment.
- We aim to raise confidence and broaden horizons of young people to help them to improve their lives for the better.

Vision Statement

As a Christian Charity, we aim to provide quality outdoor education for children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance.

Current Projects & the needs that each project aims to meet.

1- Adventure Academy Gives children aged 7-11 years three days of activities during the school holidays based locally and aims also to provide three days of residential holiday away from Warrington. The project is run in conjunction with 10 Primary schools. The children are referred by the Head Teachers based on their knowledge of the child's circumstances, such as neglectful homes, child carers, homes affected by drugs and alcohol, children in foster care, victims of abuse or those in need of a major life confidence boost. For some children this is the only holiday they will get in their childhood. This opportunity has an enormously positive impact on the children physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Adventure Academy is run at no cost to the children involved or their families. The children are picked up from their homes, provided with all the necessary food, specialist clothing and equipment needed for them to fully access their day. This project benefits around 50 children a year and is supported by around 20 of volunteers in addition to staff team.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

2- Ongoing mentoring – Primary age (Oakwood Ave Designated Provision) We work regularly supporting pupils of a primary school age who are part of the specialist Unit for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Mental Health (SENDMH). Our work seeks to establish positive relationships and develop essential basic skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, cooperation etc. Our work offers a major incentive to help their behaviour during the week and is a massive support to the school staff.

We also have started supporting another Primary School unit supporting children with autism. The blocks of work we provide give them with opportunities to broaden their experiences and enjoy the opportunity to work outside. It has proved to be an extremely valuable project with the positive impact being felt back into the families.

3- Small group mentoring (mainstream) – We work with 5 Primary schools providing small group mentoring opportunities. The groups are selected by the schools and targeted for a range of reasons. This could be a group who struggle to transition into the weekend from school, or who have low self-esteem or confidence, it could be a group who are struggling to integrate or struggling with friendships. They work with our team for 12 weeks using a range of activity and record their own progress in a handbook provided for self-reflection.

4- Urban Adventure Project This project supports schools from some of the area's most difficult and deprived areas, providing residential experiences. The work engages the classes of children aged 7 - 11, with positive role models, working with the children before and after the residential, creating a process rather than an event. The class are identified by the Head Teachers. Our experience working in these areas has shown that these classes often have high levels of specific needs such as behavioural issues in school, difficulties at home, confidence and low self-esteem issues. The class are organised into small groups and each will work with an Active Hope instructor for 2 half day sessions, building up to a 3-day residential. The children will be led through carefully structured activities designed to develop positive self-image, make new friends, become more self-aware and return to school with a renewed determination to succeed and learn. In addition, at the heart of the residential experience Active Hope lead class assemblies, sharing God's love in a dynamic and relevant way. The outdoor activities that the children would take part in could include climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, archery, raft building and kayaking. In addition to these activities, all children will often have the opportunity to camp in tents. The programme for each group would be tailored to meet the specific needs of the children in that class. This project is supported by a team of catering volunteers who provide all the meals whilst on site.

We were delighted to have an extremely busy summer into Autumn 2025. The stability of the third year of the seasonal rental of the site we use for these residential experiences from May to September really helped our work to grow. This gave us the security to expand our offer supporting more children in this way. A possible stepping stone to a future where we have our own space to deliver these projects from. The assembly theme continues to be 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' – setting the challenge of turning I cant's into I can's. Over 500 children benefitted from our Urban Adventure Project this year.

5- Winter Warmer – Provides schools with 2-day opportunity in the winter months when many groups normally wouldn't be outside. Day 1 is based at our Urban Adventure Base in the SMILE centre, the children have breakfast then cook wild bread on a fire and complete team building activities. Day 2 is based in woodland building dens and playing games, the children enjoy a chippy lunch in the woods. We provide fleeces, waterproofs, hats, gloves, wellies and welly socks to ensure that the children can enjoy their day no matter what the weather. The project shares a class assembly based around the feeding of the 5,000 and how God can do incredible things when we give everything we have. This year over 400 children took part in our Winter Warmer Project.

6- Which Way Now Project – Works on school grounds over 4 half days. Each session works with a whole class to encourage teamwork, positive communication, leadership skills, cooperation and teamwork. It uses team building games and activities alongside orienteering and adventure lines. Each session has a class assembly delivered in an engaging and interactive way leaving the children with 4 simple truths- God made them – God knows them-God loves them – God wants us to follow him. Over 500 children have taken part in the Which Way Now Project this year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

Achievements over the year

We faced a huge challenge this year as a couple of our largest ever ongoing grants came to an end. This did unfortunately mean adjustments to our staff team. Despite this set back we have been able to maintain our work and the staff who have been training up over the last couple of years have been released into leading projects enabling the work to not just be sustained but to grow.

The recruitment of a more experienced instructor to support the junior staff has really helped to drive the work forward. Summer 2025 was one of our most successful ever residential seasons. The 3rd year of seasonal rental of the camping space was reaping rewards as staff were familiar with the space and the systems we had built into using there. Feedback from the children and school staff that we worked with was incredibly positive. We were delighted this year to expand our small group mentoring to a High School ASD (Autism) unit. The opportunity to develop working alongside the pupils was extremely valuable, great for both the pupils and our team.

Several grants allowed new equipment to bless our work. A fleet of stand-up Paddleboards being the really big win. Over the year around 1,600 children benefitted from our work. We have schools on a waiting list wanting to be part of our work.

Financial review

We continued to see healthy income over the year with income of £249,927, this funding enables us to serve many children and make a real difference in their lives. The ending of our largest grant will require us to look at different sources of funding, we continue to trust God for our finances while working hard to find alternative funding to support the work of Active Hope. We aim to keep costs low for schools which is crucial at times of increasing costs. As a board we endeavor to ensure that we maintain sufficient reserves to cover 3 months outgoings. The board receives regular financial updates at each meeting. We continue to thank God for His provision and are keen to continue to trust Him for provision for Active Hope while being good stewards of the resources we have been blessed with.

Principal risks and uncertainties.

The Board recognizes the many varied risks and difficulties inherent when working with children and young people. We have in place our Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually. We also work closely with Activities Industry Mutual (AIM) which provides our public liability cover and assistance should the need arise in incident management through Pharos. Active Hope also holds an AALA licence which enables us to mountaineer and use large expanses of water for our water sports activities.

We have also agreed Covid protocols and best practices with our school connections and remain vigilant to keep them relevant and appropriate.

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

Plans for future periods

In 2026 Active Hope turns 20! What a wonderful achievement to celebrate. Despite the challenges to our staff team numbers we aspire to maintaining and growing our work in 2026.

We are looking to celebrate our 20th year with fundraising events and new opportunities in our work for schools. We continue to aim to develop our supporter base, volunteer food team numbers and supporter events.

Our long-term vision remains to own land for camping and a centre for our groups to stay in. This would give our work even greater security and benefit hundreds more children and young people.

Structure, governance and management

Active Hope is a small Christian charity founded in April 2006. It was incorporated on 12 January 2011 and registered as a charity on 22 February 2011. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

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

F L Avery
K Curtis
J G Curtis
S M Hatton
R H Hughes
G R Palmer
A L Shields
L D Rogers

Appointment or election of trustees

All the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Trustees are selected by the existing trustees.

Related-Party and Trustee Disclosures

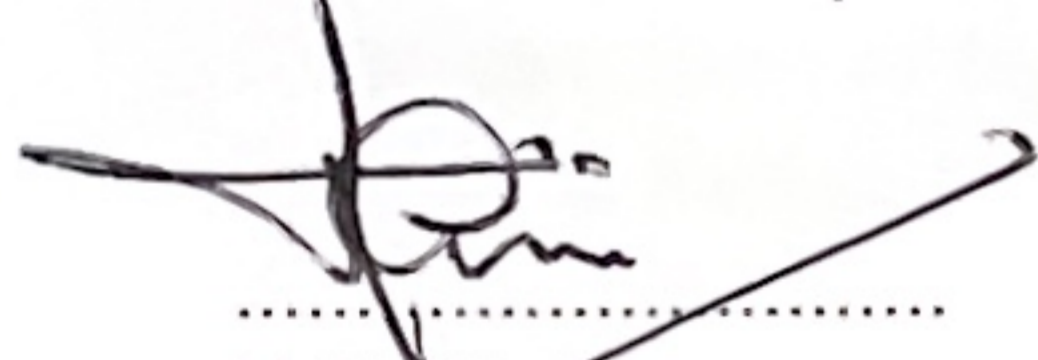
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

During the year, there was one related-party transaction between the trustees and the charity. No trustee or any person connected with them received any remuneration, benefits, or reimbursement of expenses from the charity.

Organisational structure

The charity's Board of Trustees comprises 8 directors, who are listed above, and is supported by advisors as and when required. The Board is primarily responsible for the development and direction of the charity with day to day operations undertaken by the staff team led by the Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis. He is a qualified teacher and the charity's senior instructor. The other instructors are all fully qualified in outdoor activities.

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



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K Curtis
Trustee

Date: 16.4.2026.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Active Hope Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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Date:

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Restricted funds 2025 £ | Total 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total 2024 £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 3 | 51,257 | - | 51,257 | 42,399 | - | 42,399 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 103,241 | 94,366 | 197,607 | 99,796 | 119,502 | 219,298 |
| Other income | 5 | 1,063 | - | 1,063 | 1,773 | - | 1,773 |
| Total income | | <u>155,561</u> | <u>94,366</u> | <u>249,927</u> | <u>143,968</u> | <u>119,502</u> | <u>263,470</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 6 | 1,837 | - | 1,837 | 2,186 | - | 2,186 |
| Charitable activities | 7 | 241,714 | 81,300 | 323,014 | 187,183 | 81,300 | 268,483 |
| Other expenditure | 11 | 2,325 | - | 2,325 | - | - | - |
| Total expenditure | | <u>245,876</u> | <u>81,300</u> | <u>327,176</u> | <u>189,369</u> | <u>81,300</u> | <u>270,669</u> |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | <u>(90,315)</u> | <u>13,066</u> | <u>(77,249)</u> | <u>(45,401)</u> | <u>38,202</u> | <u>(7,199)</u> |
| Transfers between funds | | - | - | - | 21,814 | (21,814) | - |
| Net movement in funds | | <u>(90,315)</u> | <u>13,066</u> | <u>(77,249)</u> | <u>(23,587)</u> | <u>16,388</u> | <u>(7,199)</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | | | |
| Fund balances at 1 November 2024 | | <u>142,645</u> | <u>39,702</u> | <u>182,347</u> | <u>166,232</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>189,546</u> |
| Fund balances at 31 October 2025 | | <u>52,330</u> | <u>52,768</u> | <u>105,098</u> | <u>142,645</u> | <u>39,702</u> | <u>182,347</u> |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

| | Notes | 2025 £ | £ | 2024 £ | £ |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 13 | | 15,674 | | 26,095 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 14 | 10,720 | | 4,426 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 85,665 | | 153,498 | |
| | | <u>96,385</u> | | <u>157,924</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 15 | <u>(6,961)</u> | | <u>(1,672)</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | <u>89,424</u> | | <u>156,252</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>105,098</u> | | <u>182,347</u> |
| The funds of the charity | | | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | | 52,768 | | 39,702 |
| Unrestricted funds | 17 | | 52,330 | | 142,645 |
| | | | <u>105,098</u> | | <u>182,347</u> |

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 October 2025.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16.11.2026


K Curtis
Trustee

Company registration number 07490362 (England and Wales)

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Active Hope Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 5 Pangbourne Close, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 5HJ.

1.1 Basis of preparation

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

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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

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

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Equipment | 33.3% reducing balance |
|-----------|------------------------|

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Donations and gifts | 44,583 | 42,399 |
| Other | 6,674 | - |
| | <u>51,257</u> | <u>42,399</u> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

4 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Restricted funds 2025 £ | Total 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total 2024 £ |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Outdoor Education | | | | | | |
| Sale of goods | 99,241 | - | 99,241 | 84,141 | - | 84,141 |
| Performance related grants | 4,000 | 94,366 | 98,366 | 15,655 | 119,502 | 135,157 |
| | <u>103,241</u> | <u>94,366</u> | <u>197,607</u> | <u>99,796</u> | <u>119,502</u> | <u>219,298</u> |

5 Other income

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bank interest | 1,063 | 1,773 |
| | <u>1,063</u> | <u>1,773</u> |

6 Expenditure on raising funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Fundraising and publicity | | |
| Other fundraising costs | 1,837 | 2,186 |
| | <u>1,837</u> | <u>2,186</u> |

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2025 £ | Outdoor Education 2024 £ |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Direct costs | | |
| Staff costs | 62,300 | 62,300 |
| Depreciation and impairment | 7,677 | 12,853 |
| Centre hire and fees | 27,174 | 23,220 |
| Food and supplies | 16,143 | 8,494 |
| Subcontractors | 6,490 | 10,840 |
| Gift aid tax movement | - | 1,199 |
| | <u>119,784</u> | <u>118,906</u> |
| Share of support and governance costs (see note 8) | | |
| Support | 200,380 | 147,964 |
| Governance | 2,850 | 1,613 |
| | <u>323,014</u> | <u>268,483</u> |
| Analysis by fund | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 241,714 | 187,183 |
| Restricted funds | 81,300 | 81,300 |
| | <u>323,014</u> | <u>268,483</u> |

8 Support costs allocated to activities

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Staff costs | 150,150 | 97,404 |
| Office costs | 11,486 | 12,313 |
| Equipment hire and maintenance | 641 | 483 |
| Motor expenses | 27,345 | 24,462 |
| Insurance | 5,427 | 4,888 |
| Subscriptions | 2,988 | 2,599 |
| Training and staff clothing | 1,845 | 5,353 |
| Professional fees and bank charges | 497 | 462 |
| Independent examiners fees | 2,851 | 1,613 |
| | <u>203,230</u> | <u>149,577</u> |
| Analysed between: | | |
| Outdoor Education | <u>203,230</u> | <u>149,577</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

| | 2025 Number | 2024 Number |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 8 | 6 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Employment costs | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 212,450 | 159,704 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the head of operations and the project manger. The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Aggregate compensation | 71,521 | 67,419 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

11 Other expenditure

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets | 2,325 | - |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

12 Taxation

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

13 Tangible fixed assets

| | Equipment £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 November 2024 | 115,871 |
| Additions | 8,165 |
| | <u>124,036</u> |
| At 31 October 2025 | <u>124,036</u> |
| Depreciation and impairment | |
| At 1 November 2024 | 87,833 |
| Depreciation charged in the year | 20,529 |
| | <u>108,362</u> |
| At 31 October 2025 | <u>108,362</u> |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 October 2025 | <u>15,674</u> |
| At 31 October 2024 | <u>26,095</u> |

14 Debtors

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Trade debtors | 4,055 | - |
| Other debtors | 6,665 | 4,426 |
| | <u>10,720</u> | <u>4,426</u> |

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other taxation and social security | 3,762 | 1,672 |
| Other creditors | 2,049 | - |
| Accruals and deferred income | 1,150 | - |
| | <u>6,961</u> | <u>1,672</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

16 Restricted funds

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

| | At 1 November 2024 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | At 31 October 2025 £ |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mountain bike fund | - | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 |
| Adventure academy fund | 24,590 | 17,500 | (12,500) | - | 29,590 |
| Adventure days fund | 2,612 | 6,066 | - | - | 8,678 |
| Urban adventure fund | - | 19,000 | (19,000) | - | - |
| Mentoring fund | - | 37,300 | (37,300) | - | - |
| Lauderdale trust fund | 12,500 | 12,500 | (12,500) | - | 12,500 |
| | <u>39,702</u> | <u>94,366</u> | <u>(81,300)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>52,768</u> |
| Previous year: | At 1 November 2023 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | At 31 October 2024 £ |
| Mountain bike fund | 10,169 | - | - | (10,169) | - |
| Adventure academy fund | 11,645 | 24,590 | - | (11,645) | 24,590 |
| Adventure days fund | 1,500 | 1,112 | - | - | 2,612 |
| Urban adventure fund | - | 19,000 | (19,000) | - | - |
| Mentoring fund | - | 37,300 | (37,300) | - | - |
| Lauderdale trust fund | - | 25,000 | (12,500) | - | 12,500 |
| Joseph rank fund | - | 12,500 | (12,500) | - | - |
| | <u>23,314</u> | <u>119,502</u> | <u>(81,300)</u> | <u>(21,814)</u> | <u>39,702</u> |

Mountain Bike Fund - funds the purchase of mountain bikes for the charity. This fund is reduced annually by the depreciation charge of the mountain bikes.

Adventure Academy Fund - to support the running of the Adventure Academy, including campsite fees and staff costs.

Adventure Days Fund - to support the running of the Adventure Days project.

Urban Adventure Fund - to support the running of the Urban Adventure project, including campsite fees.

Mentoring Fund - funding towards monthly staff costs.

The Lauderdale Trust Fund - to enable the recruitment and development of three additional instructors to increase the number of classes and schools involved to explore the Christian Faith.

The Joseph Rank Fund - funding towards monthly staff costs.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

17 Unrestricted funds

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

| | At 1 November 2024 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | At 31 October 2025 £ |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| General funds | 142,645 | 155,561 | (245,876) | - | 52,330 |
| Previous year: | | | | | |
| | At 1 November 2023 £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | At 31 October 2024 £ |
| General funds | 166,232 | 143,968 | (189,369) | 21,814 | 142,645 |

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2025 £ | Restricted funds 2025 £ | Total 2025 £ |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| At 31 October 2025: | | | |
| Tangible assets | 15,674 | - | 15,674 |
| Current assets/(liabilities) | 36,656 | 52,768 | 89,424 |
| | 52,330 | 52,768 | 105,098 |
| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total 2024 £ |
| At 31 October 2024: | | | |
| Tangible assets | 26,095 | - | 26,095 |
| Current assets/(liabilities) | 116,550 | 39,702 | 156,252 |
| | 142,645 | 39,702 | 182,347 |

19 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity employed a member of staff who is a relative of two trustees. This employment is conducted on normal commercial terms based on similar employees in their roles.

During the year, a trustee purchased a minibus from Active hope at market value for a total of £1,950.



ACTIVE HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1140534

Accounts

Charity registration number 1140534 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 07490362

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024



ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| Trustees | F L Avery K Curtis J G Curtis S M Hatton R H Hughes G R Palmer A L Shields L D Rogers | (Appointed 1 January 2024) (Appointed 18 April 2024) |
| Charity number (England and Wales) | 1140534 | |
| Company number | 07490362 | |
| Registered office | 5 Pangbourne Close Appleton Warrington Cheshire WA4 5HJ | |
| Independent examiner | Xeinadin North West Limited 2 Hilliards Court Chester Business Park Chester Cheshire CH4 9QP | |
| Solicitors | Fiona Bruce & Co Justive House 3 Grappenhall Road Stockton Heath Warrington Cheshire WA4 2AH | |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

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ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

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

Our background

Active Hope is a small Christian charity, founded in April 2006, becoming a Company as stated above in 2011. We use outdoor and adventure activities as a tool for reaching and connecting with underserved, disadvantaged and/or disengaged young people in Warrington, Cheshire and surrounding areas (Wigan, Widnes, St Helen's and Runcorn), particularly in those areas that are in the bottom 15% nationally for multiple signs of deprivation. Our Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis, is a qualified teacher and trained outdoor instructor. He is accountable to our Board, which comprises of 8 Directors.

Our staff team working with Dan has 5 full time instructors who are qualified and training in a range of outdoor activities. We have a Part time Office Manager & part-time Business manager and are also supported by a large number of occasional volunteers.

Objectives and activities

The education and assistance of young people through their leisure time activity to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities to grow to full maturity as and members of society and to improve their conditions of life. To advance the Christian religion and Christian lifestyle through outdoor and adventurous activities. We are committed to: - Giving children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds, particularly those from difficult and deprived backgrounds, unique life changing experiences through outdoor activities, such as mountain biking, climbing, rope courses, archery, orienteering, raft building and kayaking. - Removing barriers from taking part for those groups whose access is limited by circumstances, e.g. finance, transport and equipment. We aim to raise confidence and broaden horizons of young people to help them to improve their lives for the better.

Vision Statement

As a Christian Charity, we aim to provide quality outdoor education for children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance.

Current Projects & the needs that each project aims to meet.

1- Adventure Academy Gives children aged 7-11 years three days of activities during the school holidays based locally and aims also to provide three days of residential holiday away from Warrington. The project is run in conjunction with 10 Primary schools. The children are referred by the Head Teachers based on their knowledge of the child's circumstances, such as neglectful homes, child carers, homes affected by drugs and alcohol, children in foster care, victims of abuse or those in need of a major life confidence boost. For some children this is the only holiday they will get in their childhood. This opportunity has an enormously positive impact on the children physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Adventure Academy is run at no cost to the children involved or their families. The children are picked up from their homes, provided with all the necessary food, specialist clothing and equipment needed for them to fully access their day. This project benefits around 50 children a year and is supported by around 20 of volunteers in addition to staff team.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

2- Ongoing mentoring – Primary age (Oakwood Ave Designated Provision) We work regularly supporting pupils of a primary school age who are part of the specialist Unit for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Mental Health (SENDMH). Our work seeks to establish positive relationships and develop essential basic skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, cooperation etc. Our work offers a major incentive to help their behaviour during the week and is a massive support to the school staff.

We also have started supporting another Primary School unit supporting children with autism. The blocks of work we provide give them with opportunities to broaden their experiences and enjoy the opportunity to work outside. It has proved to be an extremely valuable project with the positive impact being felt back into the families.

3- Small group mentoring (mainstream) – We work with 5 Primary schools providing small group mentoring opportunities. The groups are selected by the schools and targeted for a range of reasons. This could be a group who struggle to transition into the weekend from school, or who have low self-esteem or confidence, it could be a group who are struggling to integrate or struggling with friendships. They work with our team for 12 weeks using a range of activity and record their own progress in a handbook provided for self-reflection.

4- Urban Adventure Project This project supports schools from some of the area's most difficult and deprived areas, providing residential experiences. The work engages the classes of children aged 7 - 11, with positive role models, working with the children before and after the residential, creating a process rather than an event. The class are identified by the Head Teachers. Our experience working in these areas has shown that these classes often have high levels of specific needs such as behavioural issues in school, difficulties at home, confidence and low self-esteem issues. The class are organised into small groups and each will work with an Active Hope instructor for 2 half day sessions, building up to a 3-day residential. The children will be led through carefully structured activities designed to develop positive self-image, make new friends, become more self-aware and return to school with a renewed determination to succeed and learn. In addition, at the heart of the residential experience Active Hope lead class assemblies, sharing God's love in a dynamic and relevant way. The outdoor activities that the children would take part in could include climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, archery, raft building and kayaking. In addition to these activities, all children will often have the opportunity to camp in tents. The programme for each group would be tailored to meet the specific needs of the children in that class. This project is supported by a team of catering volunteers who provide all the meals whilst on site.

We were delighted to have an extremely busy summer into Autumn 2024. The stability of the second year of the seasonal rental of the site we use for these residential experiences from May to September really helped our work to grow. This gave us the security to expand our offer supporting more children in this way. A possible stepping stone to a future where we have our own space to deliver these projects from. The assembly theme continues to be 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' – setting the challenge of turning I can't's into I can's. Over 500 children benefitted from our Urban Adventure Project this year.

5- Winter Warmer – Provides schools with 2-day opportunity in the winter months when many groups normally wouldn't be outside. Day 1 is based at our Urban Adventure Base in the SMILE centre, the children have breakfast then cook wild bread on a fire and complete team building activities. Day 2 is based in woodland building dens and playing games, the children enjoy a chippy lunch in the woods. We provide fleeces, waterproofs, hats, gloves, wellies and welly socks to ensure that the children can enjoy their day no matter what the weather. The project shares a class assembly based around the feeding of the 5,000 and how God can do incredible things when we give everything we have. This year over 400 children took part in our Winter Warmer Project.

6- Which Way Now Project – Works on school grounds over 4 half days. Each session works with a whole class to encourage teamwork, positive communication, leadership skills, cooperation and teamwork. It uses team building games and activities alongside orienteering and adventure lines. Each session has a class assembly delivered in an engaging and interactive way leaving the children with 4 simple truths- God made them – God knows them-God loves them – God wants us to follow him. Over 500 children have taken part in the Which Way Now Project this year.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Achievements over the year

The big achievement of this year was a successful staff recruitment phase. We have employed a great team of young Junior Instructors to train and develop in how we work. They have already had a positive impact on our work and will help us to develop our capacity over coming years. Their enthusiasm to learn and how they support our groups is wonderful to see. The expansion and flexibility of the team was crucial for our next few years.

After the disruption of Covid, Adventure Academy got back to having a weekend away in Wales this year. It was wonderful to have a fully complete, a lot of hard work went into re-establishing it and the children thrived in the experience.

This year was the second year of our seasonal rental of the residential space we use. It was very successful, the stability of having our equipment there and the routine of how we work helped to develop the new staff quickly. It felt more like our own space this year as we were able to personalise it with our own branding helping it to feel more like home for us.

Several grants allowed new equipment to bless our work. Giant stand up Paddleboards and a mobile low ropes course being the really big wins.

Over the year around 1,600 children benefitted from our work. We have schools on a waiting list wanting to be part of our work.

Financial review

We continued to see healthy income over the year with income of £263,470, this funding enables us to serve many children and make a real difference in their lives. It is encouraging to see this come from a range of sources from individuals, churches and a numbers of different grant funders. This allows us to keep costs low for schools a crucial aim at times of increasing costs. As a board we endeavour to ensure that we maintain sufficient reserves to cover 3 months outgoings. The board receives regular financial updates at each meeting. We continue to thank God for His provision and are keen to continue to trust Him for provision for Active Hope while being good stewards of the resources we have been blessed with.

Principal risks and uncertainties.

The Board recognizes the many varied risks and difficulties inherent when working with children and young people. We have in place our Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually. We also work closely with Activities Industry Mutual (AIM) which provides our public liability cover and assistance should the need arise in incident management through Pharos. Active Hope also holds an AALA licence which enables us to mountaineer and use large expanses of water for our water sports activities.

We have also agreed Covid protocols and best practices with our school connections and remain vigilant to keep them relevant and appropriate.

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

Plans for future periods

Our main priority for 2025 is to train and release our new team into leading our projects. Enabling our team to achieve this will drive up our capacity and help us to support more children and young people. We also want to develop our supporter base, volunteer food team numbers and fundraising / supporter events.

Our long-term vision remains to own land for camping and a centre for our groups to stay in. This would give our work even greater security and benefit hundreds more children and young people.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Structure, governance and management

Active Hope is a small Christian charity founded in April 2006. It was incorporated on 12 January 2011 and registered as a charity on 22 February 2011. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| F L Avery | (Appointed 1 January 2024) |
| K Curtis | |
| J G Curtis | |
| S M Hatton | |
| R H Hughes | |
| G R Palmer | |
| A L Shields | |
| R Bruce | (Resigned 1 January 2024) |
| L D Rogers | (Appointed 18 April 2024) |

Appointment or election of trustees

All the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Trustees are selected by the existing trustees.

Related-Party and Trustee Disclosures

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

During the year, there were no related-party transactions between the trustees and the charity. No trustee or any person connected with them received any remuneration, benefits, or reimbursement of expenses from the charity.

Organisational structure

The charity's Board of Trustees comprises 8 directors, who are listed above, and is supported by advisors as and when required. The Board is primarily responsible for the development and direction of the charity with day to day operations undertaken by the staff team led by the Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis. He is a qualified teacher and the charity's senior instructor. The other instructors are all fully qualified in outdoor activities.

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

K Curtis
Trustee



3 April 2025

Chair Active Hope.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Active Hope Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



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3 April 2025

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

| | | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Restricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Notes | | | | | | |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 3 | 42,399 | - | 42,399 | 48,830 | - | 48,830 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 99,796 | 119,502 | 219,298 | 101,402 | 138,420 | 239,822 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | - | - | - | 80 | - | 80 |
| Other income | 6 | 1,773 | - | 1,773 | 1,109 | - | 1,109 |
| Total income | | <u>143,968</u> | <u>119,502</u> | <u>263,470</u> | <u>151,421</u> | <u>138,420</u> | <u>289,841</u> |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 7 | 2,186 | - | 2,186 | 1,969 | - | 1,969 |
| Charitable activities | 8 | 187,183 | 81,300 | 268,483 | 156,714 | 115,106 | 271,820 |
| Total expenditure | | <u>189,369</u> | <u>81,300</u> | <u>270,669</u> | <u>158,683</u> | <u>115,106</u> | <u>273,789</u> |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | <u>(45,401)</u> | <u>38,202</u> | <u>(7,199)</u> | <u>(7,262)</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>16,052</u> |
| Transfers between funds | | 21,814 | (21,814) | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | <u>(23,587)</u> | <u>16,388</u> | <u>(7,199)</u> | <u>(7,262)</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>16,052</u> |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | | | |
| Fund balances at 1 November 2023 | | <u>166,232</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>189,546</u> | <u>173,494</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>173,494</u> |
| Fund balances at 31 October 2024 | | <u>142,645</u> | <u>39,702</u> | <u>182,347</u> | <u>166,232</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>189,546</u> |

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

| | | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|---|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 13 | | 26,095 | | 32,914 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 14 | 4,426 | | 4,532 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 153,498 | | 154,587 | |
| | | 157,924 | | 159,119 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 15 | (1,672) | | (2,487) | |
| Net current assets | | | 156,252 | | 156,632 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 182,347 | | 189,546 |
| The funds of the charity | | | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | | 39,702 | | 23,314 |
| Unrestricted funds | 17 | | 142,645 | | 166,232 |
| | | | 182,347 | | 189,546 |

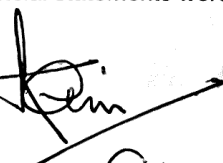
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 October 2024.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 3 April 2025


K Curtis
Trustee

Chair Active Hope

Company registration number 07490362 (England and Wales)

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Active Hope Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 5 Pangbourne Close, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 5HJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

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

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

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

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

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Equipment | 33.3% reducing balance |
|-----------|------------------------|

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Donations and gifts | 42,399 | 48,478 |
| Other | - | 352 |
| | <u>42,399</u> | <u>48,830</u> |

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

4 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Restricted funds 2024 £ | Total 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Restricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Outdoor Education | | | | | | |
| Sale of goods | 84,141 | - | 84,141 | 81,614 | - | 81,614 |
| Performance related grants | 15,655 | 119,502 | 135,157 | 19,788 | 138,420 | 158,208 |
| | <u>99,796</u> | <u>119,502</u> | <u>219,298</u> | <u>101,402</u> | <u>138,420</u> | <u>239,822</u> |

5 Income from other trading activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Fundraising events | - | 80 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>80</u> |

6 Other income

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bank interest | 1,773 | 1,109 |
| | <u>1,773</u> | <u>1,109</u> |

7 Expenditure on raising funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Fundraising and publicity | | |
| Other fundraising costs | 2,186 | 1,969 |
| | <u>2,186</u> | <u>1,969</u> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

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

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2024 £ | Outdoor Education 2023 £ |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Direct costs | | |
| Staff costs | 62,300 | 89,817 |
| Depreciation and impairment | 12,853 | 16,210 |
| Centre hire and fees | 23,220 | 24,426 |
| Food and supplies | 8,494 | 9,452 |
| Subcontractors | 10,840 | 11,338 |
| Gift aid tax movement | 1,199 | - |
| | <u>118,906</u> | <u>151,243</u> |
| Share of support and governance costs (see note 9) | | |
| Support | 147,964 | 118,953 |
| Governance | 1,613 | 1,624 |
| | <u>268,483</u> | <u>271,820</u> |
| Analysis by fund | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 187,183 | 156,714 |
| Restricted funds | 81,300 | 115,106 |
| | <u>268,483</u> | <u>271,820</u> |

9 Support costs allocated to activities

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Staff costs | 97,404 | 67,993 |
| Office costs | 12,313 | 8,245 |
| Equipment hire and maintenance | 483 | 948 |
| Motor expenses | 24,462 | 29,659 |
| Insurance | 4,888 | 4,427 |
| Subscriptions | 2,599 | 2,748 |
| Training and staf clothing | 5,353 | 4,493 |
| Professional fees and bank charges | 462 | 440 |
| Independent examiners fees | 1,613 | 1,624 |
| | <u>149,577</u> | <u>120,577</u> |
| Analysed between: | | |
| Outdoor Education | <u>149,577</u> | <u>120,577</u> |

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

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | Number |
| | 6 | 7 |
| | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Employment costs | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 159,704 | 157,810 |
| | <u>159,704</u> | <u>157,810</u> |

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

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the head of operations and the project manager. The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Aggregate compensation | 65,988 | 60,378 |
| | <u>65,988</u> | <u>60,378</u> |

12 Taxation

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

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13 Tangible fixed assets

| | Equipment £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 November 2023 | 131,866 |
| Additions | 6,034 |
| | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2024 | 137,900 |
| | <hr/> |
| Depreciation and impairment | |
| At 1 November 2023 | 98,952 |
| Depreciation charged in the year | 12,853 |
| | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2024 | 111,805 |
| | <hr/> |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 October 2024 | 26,095 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2023 | 32,914 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

14 Debtors

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Other debtors | 4,426 | 4,532 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other taxation and social security | 1,672 | 2,487 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

16 Restricted funds

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

| | At 1 November 2023 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | Transfers | At 31 October 2024 |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Mountain bike fund | 10,169 | - | - | (10,169) | - |
| Adventure academy fund | 11,645 | 24,590 | - | (11,645) | 24,590 |
| Adventure days fund | 1,500 | 1,112 | - | - | 2,612 |
| Urban adventure fund | - | 19,000 | (19,000) | - | - |
| Mentoring fund | - | 37,300 | (37,300) | - | - |
| Lauderdale trust fund | - | 25,000 | (12,500) | - | 12,500 |
| Joseph rank fund | - | 12,500 | (12,500) | - | - |
| | <u>23,314</u> | <u>119,502</u> | <u>(81,300)</u> | <u>(21,814)</u> | <u>39,702</u> |

| Previous year: | At 1 November 2022 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | Transfers | At 31 October 2023 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Mountain Bike Fund | - | 13,700 | (3,531) | - | 10,169 |
| Adventure Academy Fund | - | 16,420 | (4,775) | - | 11,645 |
| Adventure Days Fund | - | 1,500 | - | - | 1,500 |
| Urban Adventure Fund | - | 19,000 | (19,000) | - | - |
| Mentoring Fund | - | 37,300 | (37,300) | - | - |
| The Lauderdale Trust Fund | - | 38,000 | (38,000) | - | - |
| The Joseph Rank Fund | - | 12,500 | (12,500) | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>138,420</u> | <u>(115,106)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>23,314</u> |

Mountain Bike Fund - funds the purchase of mountain bikes for the charity. This fund is reduced annually by the depreciation charge of the mountain bikes.

Adventure Academy Fund - to support the running of the Adventure Academy, including campsite fees and staff costs.

Adventure Days Fund - to support the running of the Adventure Days project.

Urban Adventure Fund - to support the running of the Urban Adventure project, including campsite fees.

Mentoring Fund - funding towards monthly staff costs.

The Lauderdale Trust Fund - to enable the recruitment and development of three additional instructors to increase the number of classes and schools involved to explore the Christian Faith.

The Joseph Rank Fund - funding towards monthly staff costs.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

17 Unrestricted funds

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

| | At 1 November 2023 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | Transfers | At 31 October 2024 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | 166,232 | 143,968 | (189,369) | 21,814 | 142,645 |
| | <u>166,232</u> | <u>143,968</u> | <u>(189,369)</u> | <u>21,814</u> | <u>142,645</u> |
| Previous year: | At 1 November 2022 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | Transfers | At 31 October 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | 173,494 | 151,421 | (158,683) | - | 166,232 |
| | <u>173,494</u> | <u>151,421</u> | <u>(158,683)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>166,232</u> |

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2024 | Restricted funds 2024 | Total 2024 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| At 31 October 2024: | | | |
| Tangible assets | 26,095 | - | 26,095 |
| Current assets/(liabilities) | 116,550 | 39,702 | 156,252 |
| | <u>142,645</u> | <u>39,702</u> | <u>182,347</u> |
| | <u>142,645</u> | <u>39,702</u> | <u>182,347</u> |
| | Unrestricted funds 2023 | Restricted funds 2023 | Total 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| At 31 October 2023: | | | |
| Tangible assets | 22,745 | 10,169 | 32,914 |
| Current assets/(liabilities) | 143,487 | 13,145 | 156,632 |
| | <u>166,232</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>189,546</u> |
| | <u>166,232</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>189,546</u> |

19 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity employed a member of staff who is a relative of two trustees. This employment is conducted on normal commercial terms based on similar employees in their roles.

ACTIVE HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1140534

Accounts

Charity registration number 1140534

Company registration number 07490362 (England and Wales)

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023



ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Trustees | K Curtis J G Curtis S M Hatton R H Hughes G R Palmer A L Shields F L Avery | (Appointed 1 January 2024) |
| Charity number | 1140534 | |
| Company number | 07490362 | |
| Registered office | 5 Pangbourne Close Appleton Warrington Cheshire WA4 5HJ | |
| Independent examiner | McLintocks (NW) Limited 2 Hilliards Court Chester Business Park Chester Cheshire CH4 9QP | |
| Bankers | Natwest Bank 74 London Road Stockton Heath Warrington WA4 6HS | |
| Solicitors | Fiona Bruce & Co Justive House 3 Grappenhall Road Stockton Heath Warrington WA4 2AH | |

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ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2023.

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

Our background

Active Hope is a small Christian charity, founded in April 2006, becoming a Company as stated above in 2011. We use outdoor and adventure activities as a tool for reaching and connecting with underserved, disadvantaged and/or disengaged young people in Warrington, Cheshire and surrounding areas (Wigan, Widnes, St Helen's and Runcorn), particularly in those areas that are in the bottom 15% nationally for multiple signs of deprivation. Our Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis, is a qualified teacher and trained outdoor instructor. He is accountable to our Board, which comprises of 7 Directors.

Our staff team working with Dan has 3 full time and 2 part time instructors who are qualified in a range of outdoor activities. We have a Part time Office Manager & Business manager and are also supported by a large number of occasional volunteers.

Objectives and activities

The education and assistance of young people through their leisure time activity to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities to grow to full maturity as and members of society and to improve their conditions of life. To advance the Christian religion and Christian lifestyle through outdoor and adventurous activities. We are committed to: - Giving children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds, particularly those from difficult and deprived backgrounds, unique life changing experiences through outdoor activities, such as mountain biking, climbing, rope courses, archery, orienteering, raft building and kayaking. - Removing barriers from taking part for those groups whose access is limited by circumstances, e.g. finance, transport and equipment. We aim to raise confidence and broaden horizons of young people to help them to improve their lives for the better.

Vision Statement

As a Christian Charity, we aim to provide quality outdoor education for children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

Achievements and performance

Current projects and the needs that each project aims to meet are:

Adventure Academy Gives children aged 7-11 years three days of activities during the school holidays based locally and aims also to provide three days of residential holiday away from Warrington. The project is run in conjunction with 10 primary schools. The children are nominated by the Head Teachers based on their knowledge of the child's circumstances, such as neglectful homes, child carers, homes affected by drugs and alcohol, children in foster care, abused children or those in need of a major life confidence boost. For some children this is the only holiday they will get in their childhood. This opportunity has an enormously positive impact on the children physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Adventure Academy is run at no cost to the children involved or their families. The children are picked up from their homes, provided with all the necessary food, specialist clothing and equipment needed for them to fully access their day. This project benefits around 50 children a year and is supported by around 20 of volunteers in addition to staff team.

High school mentoring work (Woolston Brook School) We are involved in providing pastoral support and mentoring pupils aged 13 - 16 who are excluded from mainstream education in high schools and have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties and are therefore socially isolated. The sessions are structured to build positive relationships with the pupils giving them the support that they need to build positive attitudes towards themselves, others and school. One of the aims is to give them an opportunity to work as a Trainee Instructor on our primary school projects, under the supervision of an Active Hope instructor. This huge sense of achievement has such a powerful impact on their lives. It helps them to play a positive role in society, broadening their horizons by breaking down stereotypes that so often, in their minds, hold them back. A number of our ex-pupils have continued to volunteer after they have left school enabling us to maintain contact and support.

Ongoing mentoring – Primary age (Oakwood Ave Designated Provision) We work regularly supporting pupils of a primary school age who are part of the specialist Unit for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Mental Health (SENDMH). Our work seeks to establish positive relationships and develop essential basic skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, cooperation etc. Our work offers a major incentive to help their behaviour during the week and is a massive support to the school staff.

We also have started supporting another Primary School unit supporting children with autism. The blocks of work we provide give them with opportunities to broaden their experiences and enjoy the opportunity to work outside. It has proved to be an extremely valuable project with the positive impact being felt back into the families.

Small group mentoring (mainstream) – We work with 5 Primary schools providing small group mentoring opportunities. The groups are selected by the schools and targeted for a range of reasons. This could be a group who struggle to transition into the weekend from school, or who have low self-esteem or confidence, it could be a group who are struggling to integrate or struggling with friendships. They work with our team for 12 weeks using a range of activity and record their own progress in a handbook provided for self-reflection.

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Urban Adventure Project This project supports schools from some of the area's most difficult and deprived areas, providing residential experiences. The work engages the classes of children aged 7 - 11, with positive role models, working with the children before and after the residential, creating a process rather than an event. The class are identified by the Head Teachers. Our experience working in these areas has shown that these classes often have high levels of specific needs such as behavioural issues in school, difficulties at home, confidence and low self-esteem issues. The class are organised into small groups and each will work with an Active Hope instructor for 2 half day sessions, building up to a 3-day residential. The children will be led through carefully structured activities designed to develop positive self-image, make new friends, become more self-aware and return to school with a renewed determination to succeed and learn. In addition, at the heart of the residential experience Active Hope lead class assemblies, sharing God's love in a dynamic and relevant way. The outdoor activities that the children would take part in would include climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, archery, raft building and kayaking. In addition to these activities, all children will often have the opportunity to camp in tents. The programme for each group would be tailored to meet the specific needs of the children in that class. This project is supported by a team of catering volunteers who provide all the meals whilst on site.

We were delighted to have an extremely busy summer into Autumn 2023. We were able to take a seasonal rental of the site we use for these residential experiences from May to September, this gave us the security to expand our offer supporting more children in this way. A possible stepping stone to a future where we have our own space to deliver these projects from. The assembly theme continues to be 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' – setting the challenge of turning I cant's into I can's.

Winter Warmer – Provides schools with 2-day opportunity in the winter months when many groups normally wouldn't be outside. Day 1 is based at our Urban Adventure Base in the SMILE centre. The children have breakfast then cook wild bread on a fire and complete team building activities. Day 2 is based in woodland building dens and playing games, the children enjoy a chippy lunch in the woods. We provide fleeces, waterproofs, hats, gloves, wellies and welly socks to ensure that the children can enjoy their day no matter what the weather. The project shares a class assembly based around the feeding of the 5,000 and how God can do incredible things when we give everything we have. We were excited to expand our Winter Warmer season to start in December allowing more schools to access these wonderful opportunities.

Which Way Now Project – Works on school grounds over 4 half days. Each session works with a whole class to encourage teamwork, positive communication, leadership skills, cooperation and teamwork. It uses team building games and activities alongside orienteering and adventure lines. Each session has a class assembly delivered in an engaging and interactive way leaving the children with 4 simple truths - God made them – God knows them - God loves them – God wants us to follow him. Over 500 children have taken part in the Which Way Now Project this year.

Achievements over the year

The amazing news of this year was our successful step of faith to take on the seasonal rental of a residential space. This gave us the security and stability to deliver an incredible summer of wonderful residential experiences to even more children and young people. We were able to store our equipment on site removing some of the burden of packing everything away every week allowing our team to focus even more energy on the groups. Support from the Morgan Foundation helped us to cover the ground rent of this step meaning that our resources could be focused on the experiences of the groups. It took a lot of planning and hard work but was worth every bit of effort.

Successful grant applications have meant we replaced much of our aging camping equipment and were able to provide brand new mountain bikes for the residential season as well as some water sports equipment. We were delighted to receive our first ever grant from Children in Need to support Adventure Academy over the next three years. This stability will allow us to plan with certainty the next few projects.

Financial review

Financially we have continued to see God's provision over the year. Our grant income increased to £158,208 with funding coming from both long term and new grant funders. This range of funders helps to spread our risk ensuring we are not overly reliant on one funder. We also continue to be supported by a range of individuals and churches whose faithful giving provides a strong foundation that we have built on. Income from schools has remained fairly flat. We consciously have looked not to increase costs for schools to support schools and families in times of increased financial pressures. The Board receives regular financial updates at each meeting and endeavours to ensure that we maintain sufficient reserves to cover 3 months outgoings. We are thankful for a healthy balance sheet that allows us to serve so many children and young people.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board recognises the many varied risks and difficulties inherent when working with children and young people. We have in place our Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually. We also work closely with Activities Industry Mutual (AIM) which provides our public liability cover and assistance should the need arise in incident management through Pharos. Active Hope also holds an AALA licence which enables us to mountaineer and use large expanses of water for our water sports activities.

We have also agreed Covid protocols and best practices with our school connections and remain vigilant to keep them relevant and appropriate.

Plans for future periods

Our BIG aim for 2024 is to train up and establish our new team members allowing our work to grow and flourish. We will continue with our second year of seasonal rental of the residential space and will develop our use of that space further.

We want to expand the team again allowing us to establish new schools and ultimately allow more children access to our work and support.

Our long-term vision remains to own land for camping and a centre for our groups to stay in. This would give our work even greater security and benefit hundreds more children and young people.

Structure, governance and management

Active Hope is a small Christian charity founded in April 2006. It was incorporated on 12 January 2011 and registered as a charity on 22 February 2011. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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

R Bruce (Resigned 1 January 2024)

K Curtis

J G Curtis

S M Hatton

R H Hughes

G R Palmer

A L Shields

F L Avery

(Appointed 1 January 2024)

Appointment or election of trustees

All the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Trustees are selected by the existing trustees.

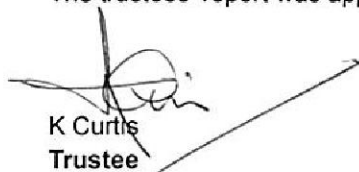
Organisational structure

The charity's Board of Trustees comprises 7 directors, who are listed above, and is supported by advisors as and when required. The Board is primarily responsible for the development and direction of the charity with day to day operations undertaken by the staff team led by the Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis. He is a qualified teacher and the charity's senior instructor. The other instructors are all fully qualified in outdoor activities.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

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



K Curtis
Trustee

26 April 2024

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Active Hope Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- 1 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 2 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



Alastair Jeffcott BA FCA
McLintocks (NW) Limited
2 Hilliards Court
Chester Business Park
Chester
Cheshire
CH4 9QP

Dated: 26 April 2024

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Restricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Income and endowments from:</u> | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 3 | 48,830 | - | 48,830 | 122,254 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 101,402 | 138,420 | 239,822 | 196,763 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 80 | - | 80 | 2,762 |
| Other income | 6 | 1,109 | - | 1,109 | 42 |
| Total income | | 151,421 | 138,420 | 289,841 | 321,821 |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 7 | 1,969 | - | 1,969 | 1,616 |
| Charitable activities | 8 | 156,714 | 115,106 | 271,820 | 218,527 |
| Total resources expended | | 158,683 | 115,106 | 273,789 | 220,143 |
| Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds | | (7,262) | 23,314 | 16,052 | 101,678 |
| Fund balances at 1 November 2022 | | 173,494 | - | 173,494 | 71,816 |
| Fund balances at 31 October 2023 | | 166,232 | 23,314 | 189,546 | 173,494 |

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

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

| | Notes | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 13 | | 32,914 | | 38,424 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 14 | 4,532 | | 4,180 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 154,587 | | 130,890 | |
| | | <u>159,119</u> | | <u>135,070</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 15 | <u>2,487</u> | | - | |
| Net current assets | | | 156,632 | | 135,070 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>189,546</u> | | <u>173,494</u> |
| The funds of the charity | | | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 16 | 23,314 | | - | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 166,232 | | 173,494 | |
| | | <u>189,546</u> | | <u>173,494</u> | |

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 October 2023.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26 April 2024



K Curtis
Trustee

Company registration number 07490362 (England and Wales)

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Active Hope Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 5 Pangbourne Close, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 5HJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Equipment | 33.3% reducing balance |
|-----------|------------------------|

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Donations | 48,478 | 100,094 |
| Gift aid tax | 352 | 22,160 |
| | <u>48,830</u> | <u>122,254</u> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

4 Charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2023 £ | Outdoor Education 2022 £ |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Activity fees | 81,614 | 75,054 |
| Grants received | 158,208 | 121,709 |
| | <u>239,822</u> | <u>196,763</u> |
| Analysis by fund | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 101,402 | 196,763 |
| Restricted funds | 138,420 | - |
| | <u>239,822</u> | <u>196,763</u> |
| For the year ended 31 October 2022 | | |
| Unrestricted funds | <u>196,763</u> | |

5 Other trading activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fundraising | 80 | 2,762 |
| | <u>80</u> | <u>2,762</u> |

6 Other income

| | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bank interest | 1,109 | 42 |
| | <u>1,109</u> | <u>42</u> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

7 Raising funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Fundraising and publicity</u> | | |
| Other fundraising costs | 1,969 | 1,616 |

8 Charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2023 £ | Outdoor Education 2022 £ |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Staff costs | 89,817 | - |
| Depreciation | 16,210 | 15,926 |
| Centre hire and fees | 24,426 | 20,577 |
| Food and supplies | 9,452 | 7,455 |
| Subcontractors | 11,338 | 8,704 |
| | <u>151,243</u> | <u>52,662</u> |
| Share of support costs (see note 9) | 118,953 | 164,665 |
| Share of governance costs (see note 9) | 1,624 | 1,200 |
| | <u>271,820</u> | <u>218,527</u> |
| Analysis by fund | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 156,714 | 218,527 |
| Restricted funds | 115,106 | - |
| | <u>271,820</u> | <u>218,527</u> |
| For the year ended 31 October 2022 | | |
| Unrestricted funds | <u>218,527</u> | |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

| 9 Support costs | Support costs £ | Governance costs £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Staff costs | 67,993 | - | 67,993 | 125,640 |
| Office costs | 8,245 | - | 8,245 | 5,221 |
| Equipment hire and maintenance | 948 | - | 948 | 340 |
| Motor expenses | 29,659 | - | 29,659 | 23,426 |
| Insurance | 4,427 | - | 4,427 | 3,348 |
| Subscriptions | 2,748 | - | 2,748 | 2,219 |
| Training and staff clothing | 4,493 | - | 4,493 | 3,366 |
| Professional fees and bank charges | 440 | - | 440 | 1,105 |
| Independent examiners fees | - | 1,624 | 1,624 | 1,200 |
| | <u>118,953</u> | <u>1,624</u> | <u>120,577</u> | <u>165,865</u> |
| Analysed between Charitable activities | <u>118,953</u> | <u>1,624</u> | <u>120,577</u> | <u>165,865</u> |

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

| | 2023 Number | 2022 Number |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | <u>7</u> | <u>6</u> |
| Employment costs | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
| Wages and salaries | <u>157,810</u> | <u>125,640</u> |

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the head of operations and the project manager. The total key management remuneration was £60,378 (2022 :£55,657).

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

12 Taxation

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

| | | |
|--|-------------|------------------|
| 13 Tangible fixed assets | | Equipment |
| | | £ |
| Cost | | |
| At 1 November 2022 | | 121,165 |
| Additions | | 10,701 |
| | | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2023 | | 131,866 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Depreciation | | |
| At 1 November 2022 | | 82,741 |
| Depreciation charged in the year | | 16,211 |
| | | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2023 | | 98,952 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Carrying amount | | |
| At 31 October 2023 | | 32,914 |
| | | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2022 | | 38,424 |
| | | <hr/> |
| 14 Debtors | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| Amounts falling due within one year: | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | 4,532 | 4,180 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Other taxation and social security | 2,487 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

16 Restricted funds

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

| | At 1 November 2022 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | At 31 October 2023 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Mountain Bike Fund | - | 13,700 | (3,531) | 10,169 |
| Adventure Academy Fund | - | 16,420 | (4,775) | 11,645 |
| Adventure Days Fund | - | 1,500 | - | 1,500 |
| Urban Adventure Fund | - | 19,000 | (19,000) | - |
| Mentoring Fund | - | 37,300 | (37,300) | - |
| The Lauderdale Trust Fund | - | 38,000 | (38,000) | - |
| The Joseph Rank Fund | - | 12,500 | (12,500) | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>138,420</u> | <u>(115,106)</u> | <u>23,314</u> |

Mountain Bike Fund - funds the purchase of mountain bikes for the charity. This fund is reduced annually by the depreciation charge of the mountain bikes.

Adventure Academy Fund - to support the running of the Adventure Academy, including campsite fees and staff costs.

Adventure Days Fund - to support the running of the Adventure Days project.

Urban Adventure Fund - to support the running of the Urban Adventure project, including campsite fees.

Mentoring Fund - funding towards monthly staff costs.

The Lauderdale Trust Fund - to enable the recruitment and development of three additional instructors to increase the number of classes and schools involved to explore the Christian Faith.

The Joseph Rank Fund - funding towards monthly staff costs.

17 Unrestricted funds

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

| | At 1 November 2022 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | At 31 October 2023 |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | <u>173,494</u> | <u>151,421</u> | <u>(158,683)</u> | <u>166,232</u> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

17 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

| Previous year: | At 1 November 2021 | Incoming resources | Resources expended | At 31 October 2022 |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| General funds | 71,816 | 321,821 | (220,143) | 173,494 |

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2023 £ | Restricted funds 2023 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fund balances at 31 October 2023 are represented by: | | | |
| Tangible assets | 22,745 | 10,169 | 32,914 |
| Current assets/(liabilities) | 143,487 | 13,145 | 156,632 |
| | <u>166,232</u> | <u>23,314</u> | <u>189,546</u> |
| | <u><u>166,232</u></u> | <u><u>23,314</u></u> | <u><u>189,546</u></u> |
| | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Restricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2022 £ |
| Fund balances at 31 October 2022 are represented by: | | | |
| Tangible assets | 38,424 | - | 38,424 |
| Current assets/(liabilities) | 135,070 | - | 135,070 |
| | <u>173,494</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>173,494</u> |
| | <u><u>173,494</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>173,494</u></u> |

19 Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity employed a member of staff who is a relative of two trustees. This employment is conducted on normal commercial terms based on similar employees in their roles.

ACTIVE HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1140534

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1140534

Company Registration No. 07490362 (England and Wales)

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Trustees | R Bruce K Curtis J G Curtis S M Hatton R H Hughes G R Palmer A L Shields |
| Charity number | 1140534 |
| Company number | 07490362 |
| Registered office | 5 Pangbourne Close Appleton Warrington Cheshire WA4 5HJ |
| Independent examiner | McLintocks (NW) Limited 2 Hilliards Court Chester Business Park Chester Cheshire CH4 9PX |
| Bankers | Natwest Bank 74 London Road Stockton Heath Warrington WA4 6HS |
| Solicitors | Fiona Bruce & Co Justive House 3 Grappenhall Road Stockton Heath Warrington WA4 2AH |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

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ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022.

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

Our background

Active Hope is a small Christian charity, founded in April 2006, becoming a Company as stated above in 2011. We use outdoor and adventure activities as a tool for reaching and connecting with disadvantaged and/or disengaged young people in Warrington, Cheshire and surrounding areas (Wigan, St Helen's and Runcom), particularly in those areas that are in the bottom 15% nationally for multiple signs of deprivation.

Our Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis, is a qualified teacher and our Senior Instructor. He is accountable to our Board, which comprises of 7 Directors.

Our staff team working with Dan has 2 full time and 2 part time instructors who are all fully qualified in a range of outdoor activities. We have an Office Manager and are also supported by a large number of occasional volunteers.

Objectives and activities

The education and assistance of young people through their leisure time activity to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities to grow to full maturity as and members of society and to improve their conditions of life. To advance the Christian religion and Christian lifestyle through outdoor and adventurous activities. We are committed to: - Giving children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds, particularly those from difficult and deprived backgrounds, unique life changing experiences through outdoor activities, such as mountain biking, climbing, rope courses, archery, orienteering, raft building and kayaking. - Removing barriers from taking part for those groups whose access is limited by circumstances, e.g. finance, transport and equipment. We aim to raise confidence and broaden horizons of young people to help them to improve their lives for the better.

Vision statement

As a Christian Charity, we aim to provide quality outdoor education for children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

Achievements and performance

Current projects & the needs that each project aims to meet.

Due to Covid 19 many aspects of our work have been disrupted or temporarily suspended. Appropriate comments are noted below.

Adventure Academy

Gives children aged 7-11 years three days of activities during the school holidays based locally and aims also to provide three days of residential holiday away from Warrington. The project is run in conjunction with 10 Primary schools. The children are nominated by the Head Teachers based on their knowledge of the child's circumstances, such as neglectful homes, child carers, homes affected by drugs and alcohol, children in foster care, abused children or those in need of a major life confidence boost. For some children this is the only holiday they will get in their childhood. This opportunity has an enormously positive impact on the children physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Adventure Academy is run at no cost to the children involved or their families. The children are picked up from their homes, provided with all the necessary food, specialist clothing and equipment needed for them to fully access their day. This project benefits around 60 children a year and is supported by around 20 of volunteers in addition to staff team. Due to the restrictions of the Covid 19 Pandemic the residential aspect of this project was not able to take place. The local academy was able to take place with additional safeguards put in place.

High school mentoring work (Woolston Brook School)

We are involved in providing pastoral support and mentoring pupils aged 13 - 16 who are excluded from mainstream education in high schools and have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties and are therefore socially isolated. The sessions are structured to build positive relationships with the pupils giving them the support that they need to build positive attitudes towards themselves, others and school. One of the aims is to give them an opportunity to work as a Trainee Instructor on our primary school projects, under the supervision of an Active Hope instructor. This huge sense of achievement has such a powerful impact on their lives. It helps them to play a positive role in society, broadening their horizons by breaking down stereotypes that so often, in their minds, holds them back. A number of our ex-pupils have continued to volunteer after they have left school enabling us to maintain contact and support.

Ongoing mentoring – Primary age (Oakwood Ave Designated Provision)

We work weekly supporting pupils of a primary school age who are part of the specialist Unit for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Mental Health (SENDMH). Our work seeks to establish positive relationships and develop essential basic skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, cooperation etc. Our work offers a major incentive to help their behaviour during the week and is a massive support to the school staff.

We also have started supporting another Primary School unit supporting children with autism. The blocks of work we provide them with, give opportunities to broaden their experiences and enjoy the opportunity to work outside. It has proved to be an extremely valuable project with the positive impact being felt back into the families.

Small group mentoring (mainstream)

We work with 5 Primary schools providing small group mentoring opportunities. The groups are selected by the schools and targeted for a range of reasons. This could be a group who struggle to transition into the weekend from school, or who have low self-esteem or confidence, it could be a group who are struggling to integrate or struggling with friendships. They work with our team for 12 weeks using a range of activity and record their own progress in a handbook provided for self-reflection.

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Urban Adventure Project

This project supports schools from some of the area's most difficult and deprived areas, providing residential experiences. The work engages the classes of children aged 7 - 11, with positive role models, working with the children before and after the residential, creating a process rather than an event. The class are identified by the Head Teachers. Our experience working in these areas has shown that these classes often have high levels of specific needs such as behavioural issues in school, difficulties at home, confidence and low self-esteem issues. The class are organised into small groups and each will work with an Active Hope instructor for 2 half day sessions, building up to a 3-day residential. The children will be led through carefully structured activities designed to develop positive self-image, make new friends, become more self-aware and return to school with a renewed determination to succeed and learn. In addition, at the heart of the residential experience Active Hope lead class assemblies, sharing God's love in a dynamic and relevant way. The outdoor activities that the children would take part in would include climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, archery, raft building and kayaking. In addition to these activities, all children will often have the opportunity to camp for a night. The programme for each group would be tailored to meet the specific needs of the children in that class. This project is supported by a team of catering volunteers who provide all the meals whilst on site.

We were delighted to have an extremely busy summer into Autumn 2022. We were able to fully re-establish our programmes after the disruption of Covid and provided hundreds of children with these life changing opportunities this year.

Winter Warmer

Provides schools with 2-day opportunity in the winter months when many groups normally wouldn't be outside. Day 1 is based at our Urban Adventure Base in the SMILE centre, the children have breakfast then cook wild bread on a fire and complete team building activities. Day 2 is based in woodland building dens and playing games, the children enjoy a chippy lunch in the woods. We provide fleeces, waterproofs, hats, gloves, wellies and welly socks to ensure that the children can enjoy their day no matter what the weather. The project shares a class assembly based around the feeding of the 5,000 and how God can do incredible things when we give everything we have. We were excited to expand our Winter Warmer season to start in December allowing more schools to access these wonderful opportunities.

Which Way Now Project

Works on school grounds over 4 half days. Each session works with a whole class to encourage teamwork, positive communication, leadership skills, cooperation and teamwork. It uses team building games and activities alongside orienteering and adventure lines. Each session has a class assembly delivered in an engaging and interactive way leaving the children with 4 simple truths- God made them – God knows them-God loves them – God wants us to follow him. Over 600 children have taken part in the Which Way Now Project this year.

Achievements over the year

The amazing news of this year was our rapid growth. The bounce back from Covid has been remarkable. Fundraising allowed us to replace our older vehicles and expand our small fleet plus a trailer allowing us to transport more children, their luggage and our equipment. We expanded our office and developed our equipment storage to allow for growth. We have received grant support to expand our staff team. 2 new members of team have started with us this year with plans for another early next year. We have started work supporting several new schools including our first school in Widnes. We have set out plans to have a seasonal rental of a camp space for next summer as a base for our residential work, this would be another huge step forward.

New mentoring work has begun supporting an education unit supporting children with autism and a number of our existing schools have expanded their work with us in response to the problems created by lockdowns.

We are really excited how much has changed in the past year and look forward building on this momentum into 2023.

Financial review

Financially this year has been one of great provision, donations more than doubled compared to the previous year to £100,094 with a resultant increase in gift aid reclaims. Grant income increased to £121,709 and activity fees returned to a pre-covid 19 level reflecting the increased activity during the previous year. We are thankful to the individuals and grant funders who recognise the important work of Active Hope and for the work that has gone in to produce such a healthy financial year. This increased income has allowed us to expand our team, replace equipment and put Active Hope in a stronger financial position so that we can provide adventurous activities for more children.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

As a Board we endeavour to ensure that we maintain sufficient reserves to cover three months outgoings. The Board receives regular financial updates at each meeting.

As ever, we continue to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his amazing provision throughout the past financial year, He definitely does immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board recognizes the many varied risks and difficulties inherent when working with children and young people. We have in place our Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually. We also work closely with Activities Industry Mutual (AIM) which provides our public liability cover and assistance should the need arise in incident management through Pharos. Active Hope also holds an AALA licence which enables us to mountaineer and use large expanses of water for our water sports activities.

We have also agreed Covid protocols and best practices with our school connections and remain vigilant to keep them relevant and appropriate.

Plans for future periods

Our BIG aim for 2023 is to establish a seasonal base for our residential work allowing us to develop how we work and what we can offer. It would allow us to expand and support more children with these life changing opportunities. We are seeking to renew large amounts of our vital equipment and expand the activities we offer.

We want to expand the team again allowing us to establish new schools and ultimately allow more children access to our work and support.

Our long-term vision remains to own land for camping and a centre for our groups to stay in. This would give our work even greater security and benefit hundreds more children and young people.

Structure, governance and management

Our Background:

Active Hope is a small Christian charity founded in April 2006. It was incorporated on 12 January 2011 and registered as a charity on 22 February 2011. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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

R Bruce

K Curtis

J G Curtis

S M Hatton

R H Hughes

G R Palmer

A L Shields

Appointment or election of trustees

All the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Trustees are selected by the existing trustees.

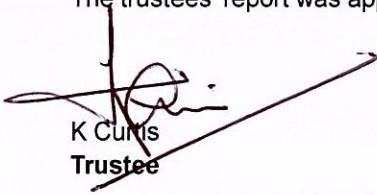
Organisational structure

The charity's Board of trustees comprises 7 directors, who are listed below, and is supported by advisors as and when required. The Board is primarily responsible for the development and direction of the charity with day to day operations undertaken by the staff team led by the Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis. He is a qualified teacher and the charity's senior instructor. The other instructors are all fully qualified in outdoor activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

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



K Curtis
Trustee

20 April 2023

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Active Hope Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- 1 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 2 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Michael Caputo FCA
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Cheshire
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Dated: 20 April 2023

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

| | | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Notes | | |
| <u>Income and endowments from:</u> | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 3 | 122,254 | 56,502 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 196,763 | 71,077 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 2,762 | 1,532 |
| Other income | 6 | 42 | 39,846 |
| Total income | | <u>321,821</u> | <u>168,957</u> |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | |
| Raising funds | 7 | <u>1,616</u> | <u>216</u> |
| Charitable activities | 8 | <u>218,527</u> | <u>148,919</u> |
| Total resources expended | | <u>220,143</u> | <u>149,135</u> |
| Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds | | 101,678 | 19,822 |
| Fund balances at 1 November 2021 | | <u>71,816</u> | <u>51,994</u> |
| Fund balances at 31 October 2022 | | <u>173,494</u> | <u>71,816</u> |

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

| | Notes | 2022 £ | £ | 2021 £ | £ |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 12 | | 38,424 | | 7,373 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 4,180 | | 814 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 130,890 | | 68,379 | |
| | | <u>135,070</u> | | <u>69,193</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 14 | - | | (4,750) | |
| Net current assets | | | 135,070 | | 64,443 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>173,494</u> | | <u>71,816</u> |
| Income funds | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 173,494 | | 71,816 |
| | | | <u>173,494</u> | | <u>71,816</u> |

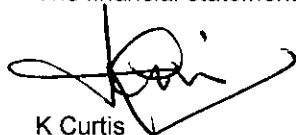
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 October 2022.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20 April 2023



K Curtis
Trustee

Company registration number 07490362

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Active Hope Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 5 Pangbourne Close, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 5HJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Plant and equipment | 33.3% reducing balance |
|---------------------|------------------------|

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Donations | 100,094 | 48,399 |
| Gift aid tax | 22,160 | 8,103 |
| | <u>122,254</u> | <u>56,502</u> |

4 Charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2022 £ | Outdoor Education 2021 £ |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Activity fees | 75,054 | 30,678 |
| Grants received | 121,709 | 40,399 |
| | <u>196,763</u> | <u>71,077</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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5 Other trading activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fundraising | 2,762 | 1,532 |

6 Other income

| | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Job retention scheme | - | 39,843 |
| Bank interest | 42 | 3 |
| | <u>42</u> | <u>39,846</u> |

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7 Raising funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Fundraising and publicity</u> | | |
| Other fundraising costs | 1,616 | 216 |

8 Charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2022 £ | Outdoor Education 2021 £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Depreciation | 15,926 | 3,631 |
| Centre hire and fees | 20,577 | 5,151 |
| Food and supplies | 7,455 | 2,249 |
| Subcontractors | 8,704 | 8,723 |
| Cycle, vehicle and equipment hire | - | 100 |
| | <u>52,662</u> | <u>19,854</u> |
| Share of support costs (see note 9) | 164,665 | 127,865 |
| Share of governance costs (see note 9) | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| | <u>218,527</u> | <u>148,919</u> |

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9 Support costs

| | Support costs | Governance costs | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Staff costs | 125,640 | - | 125,640 | 102,183 |
| Office costs | 5,221 | - | 5,221 | 5,139 |
| Equipment hire and maintenance | 340 | - | 340 | 4,813 |
| Motor expenses | 23,426 | - | 23,426 | 8,441 |
| Insurance | 3,348 | - | 3,348 | 3,017 |
| Subscriptions | 2,219 | - | 2,219 | 1,727 |
| Training and staff clothing | 3,366 | - | 3,366 | 1,539 |
| Professional fees and bank charges | 1,105 | - | 1,105 | 1,006 |
| Independent examiners fees | - | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| | <u>164,665</u> | <u>1,200</u> | <u>165,865</u> | <u>129,065</u> |
| Analysed between | | | | |
| Charitable activities | <u>164,665</u> | <u>1,200</u> | <u>165,865</u> | <u>129,065</u> |

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Number | Number |
| | 6 | 5 |
| | <u>6</u> | <u>5</u> |
| Employment costs | 2022 | 2021 |
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 125,640 | 102,183 |
| | <u>125,640</u> | <u>102,183</u> |

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the head of operations and the project manager. The total key management remuneration was £55,657 (2021 :£54,122).

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Tangible fixed assets

| | Plant and equipment £ |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 November 2021 | 74,188 |
| Additions | 46,977 |
| | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2022 | 121,165 |
| | <hr/> |
| Depreciation | |
| At 1 November 2021 | 66,815 |
| Depreciation charged in the year | 15,926 |
| | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2022 | 82,741 |
| | <hr/> |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 October 2022 | 38,424 |
| | <hr/> |
| At 31 October 2021 | 7,373 |
| | <hr/> |

13 Debtors

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Other debtors | 4,180 | 814 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2022 £ | 2021 £ |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other creditors | - | 4,750 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year ended 31 October 2022 (2021 - None).

ACTIVE HOPE

England & Wales - Charity number 1140534

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1140534

Company Registration No. 07490362 (England and Wales)

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ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2021.

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

Our background

Active Hope is a small Christian charity, founded in April 2006, becoming a Company as stated above in 2011. We use outdoor and adventure activities as a tool for reaching and connecting with disadvantaged and/or disengaged young people in Warrington, Cheshire and surrounding areas (Wigan, St Helen's and Runcorn), particularly in those areas that are in the bottom 15% nationally for multiple signs of deprivation.

Our Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis, is a qualified teacher and our Senior Instructor. He is accountable to our Board, which comprises of 7 Directors.

Our staff team working with Dan has 2 full time and 2 part time instructors who are all fully qualified in a range of outdoor activities. We have an Office Manager and are also supported by a large number of occasional volunteers.

Objectives and activities

The education and assistance of young people through their leisure time activity to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities to grow to full maturity as members of society and to improve their conditions of life. To advance the Christian religion and Christian lifestyle through outdoor and adventurous activities. We are committed to: - Giving children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds, particularly those from difficult and deprived backgrounds, unique life changing experiences through outdoor activities, such as mountain biking, climbing, rope courses, archery, orienteering, raft building and kayaking. - Removing barriers from taking part for those groups whose access is limited by circumstances, e.g. finance, transport and equipment. We aim to raise confidence and broaden horizons of young people to help them to improve their lives for the better.

Vision statement

As a Christian charity, we aim to provide quality outdoor education for children and young people from all circumstances and backgrounds.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Achievements and performance

Current projects & the needs that each project aims to meet.

Due to Covid 19 many aspects of our work have been disrupted or temporarily suspended. Appropriate comments are noted below.

Adventure Academy

Gives children aged 7-11 years three days of activities during the school holidays based locally, and aims also to provide three days of residential holiday away from Warrington. The project is run in conjunction with 12 Primary schools. The children are nominated by the Head Teachers based on their knowledge of the child's circumstances, such as neglectful homes, child carers, homes affected by drugs and alcohol, children in foster care, abused children or those in need of a major life confidence boost. For some children this is the only holiday they will get in their childhood. This opportunity has an enormously positive impact on the children physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Adventure Academy is run at no cost to the children involved or their families. The children are picked up from their homes, provided with all the necessary food, specialist clothing and equipment needed for them to fully access their day. The project benefits around 60 children a year and is supported by around 20 volunteers in addition to the staff team. Due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic the residential aspect of this project was not able to take place. The local academy was able to take place with additional safeguards put in place.

Trainee Instructor Course (Woolston Brook School)

We are involved in providing pastoral support and mentoring pupils aged 13 - 16 who are excluded from main stream education in high schools and have emotional and behavioural difficulties and are therefore socially isolated. The sessions are structured to build positive relationships with the pupils giving them the support that they need to build positive attitudes towards themselves, others and school. One of the aims is to give them an opportunity to work as a trainee instructor on our primary school projects, under the supervision of an Active Hope instructor. This huge sense of achievement has such a powerful impact on their lives. It helps them to play a positive role in society, broadening their horizons by breaking down stereotypes that so often, in their minds, holds them back. A number of our ex pupils have continued to volunteer after they have left school enabling us to maintain contact and support.

Ongoing mentoring – Primary age (Oakwood Ave Designated Provision)

We work weekly supporting pupils of a primary school age who are in the specialist unit for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Mental Health (SENDMH). Our work seeks to establish positive relationships and develop essential basic skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, cooperation etc. Our work offers a major incentive to help their behaviour during the week and is a massive support to the school staff.

Small group mentoring (mainstream)

We work with 5 primary schools providing small group mentoring opportunities. The groups are selected by the schools and targeted for a range of reasons. This could be a group who struggle to transition into the weekend from school, or who have very low self esteem or confidence, it could be a group who are struggling to integrate or struggling with friendships. They work with our team for 12 weeks using a range of activity and record their own progress in a handbook provided for self-reflection.

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Urban Adventure Project

This project supports schools from some of the area's most difficult and deprived areas, providing residential experiences. The work engages the classes of children aged 7 - 11, with positive role models, working with the children before and after the residential, creating a process rather than an event. The class are identified by the Head Teachers. Our experience working in these areas has shown that these classes often have high levels of specific needs such as behavioural issues in school, difficulties at home, confidence and low self-esteem issues. The classes are organised into small groups and each will work with an Active Hope instructor for 2 half day sessions, building up to a 3 day residential. The children will be led through carefully structured activities designed to develop positive self-image, make new friends, become more self-aware and return to school with a renewed determination to succeed and learn. In addition, at the heart of the residential experience Active Hope lead class assemblies, sharing God's love in a dynamic and relevant way. The outdoor activities that the children would take part in would include climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, archery, raft building and kayaking. In addition to these activities, all children will have the opportunity to camp for a night. The programme for each group would be tailored to meet the specific needs of the children in that class. This project is supported by a team of catering volunteers who provide all the meals whilst on site. We were delighted to re-establish our residential work in Summer 2021 into Autumn 2021. We were able to adapt our procedures and work with schools to safely deliver a larger number of residential experiences.

Winter Warmer

Provides schools with 2 day opportunity in the winter months when many groups normally wouldn't be outside. Day 1 is based at our urban adventure base in the SMILE centre, the children have breakfast then cook wild bread on a fire and complete team building activities. Day 2 is based in woodland building dens and playing games, and the children enjoy a chippy lunch in the woods. We provide fleeces, waterproofs, hats, gloves wellies and welly socks to ensure that the children can enjoy their day no matter what the weather. The project shares a class assembly based around the feeding of the 5,000 and how God can do incredible things when we give everything we have.

Which Way Now Project

Works on school grounds over 4 half days. Each session works with a whole class to encourage team work, positive communication, leadership skills, cooperation and teamwork. It uses team building games and activities alongside orienteering and adventure lines. Each session has a class assembly delivered in an engaging and interactive way leaving the children with 4 simple truths God made them – God knows them – God loves them – God wants us to follow him. Over 600 children have taken part in Which Way Now Project this year.

Achievements over the year

This year our work has been heavily interrupted by Covid 19 restrictions and lockdowns. Although we have emerged from it with a real determination to grow as a charity. The need for our work has never been greater and the positive impact on the children and young people we work with has never been more obvious as the cost of lockdowns on mental health and wellbeing comes to light.

Probably our biggest achievement was surviving lockdowns and maintaining a staff team to build the work again with. We were delighted to be able to deliver so much residential work in the summer in a season where it felt for a long time that it was going to be almost impossible. After so much disruption it was incredible to get so many groups of children and young people out on projects with us, allowing our staff to do what they are good at and enabling the children to thrive in an outdoor environment.

Financial review

The effect of Covid 19 on the finances of Active Hope has been challenging. We have, however, managed to survive, thanks to the government's support through the furlough scheme, the fantastic loyalty of our financial supporters together with ongoing success in obtaining grants. Outgoing costs have also been substantially reduced as many of our projects were put on hold. We ended the year with a positive bank balance which, with all things considered, is a major achievement. On top of this we have managed to keep our staff team together. We approach the coming year with hope and optimism as we seek to expand our team and renew our vehicles to enable us to grow as an organisation and support even more children and young people. As ever, we continue to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his amazing provision throughout the past financial year.

As a Board we endeavour to ensure that we maintain sufficient reserves to cover three months outgoings. The Board receives regular financial updates at each meeting.

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board recognizes the many varied risks and difficulties inherent when working with children and young people. We have in place our Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually. We also work closely with Activities Industry Mutual (AIM) which provides our public liability cover and assistance should the need arise in incident management through Pharos. Active Hope also holds an AALA licence which enables us to mountaineer and use large expanses of water for our water sports activities.

We have also agreed Covid protocols and best practices with our school connections and remain vigilant to keep them relevant and appropriate.

Plans for future periods

The Pandemic and lockdowns have had a major impact on the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. This is particularly felt in the communities that we work in. The education gap is widening as home-schooling benefitted children from secure, stable homes with resources far more than children in deprived areas. The importance of our work has never been more apparent. The opportunities, experiences and support that our work delivers will be vital in helping children 'bounce back' from the impact of lockdown. Helping them to regain their self-esteem, improve their mental health and help see hope for the future.

We are thinking and dreaming BIG seeking to expand our staff team and renew our vehicles to enable us to work with more children and young people. Our long-term vision to own land for camping and a centre for our groups to stay in remains our aim. This would give our work even greater security and benefit hundreds more children and young people.

Structure, governance and management

Our Background:

Active Hope is a small Christian charity founded in April 2006. It was incorporated on 12 January 2011 and registered as a charity on 22 February 2011. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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

R Bruce

K Curtis

J G Curtis

S M Hatton

R H Hughes

G R Palmer

A L Shields

Appointment or election of trustees

All the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Trustees are selected by the existing trustees.

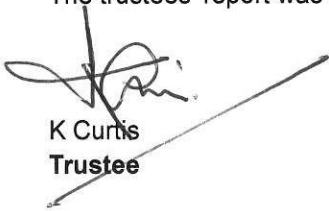
Organisational structure

The charity's Board of trustees comprises 7 directors, who are listed below, and is supported by advisors as and when required. The Board is primarily responsible for the development and direction of the charity with day to day operations undertaken by the staff team led by the Director of Operations and founder, Dan Curtis. He is a qualified teacher and the charity's senior instructor. The other instructors are all fully qualified in outdoor activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

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



K Curtis
Trustee

7 April 2022

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Active Hope Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 2 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



Michael Caputo FCA
McLintocks (NW) Limited
2 Hilliards Court
Chester Business Park
Chester
Cheshire
CH4 9PX

Dated: 7 April 2022

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|---|-------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Income and endowments from:</u> | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 3 | 56,502 | 68,202 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 71,077 | 41,997 |
| Other trading activities | 5 | 1,532 | 13,694 |
| Other income | 6 | 39,846 | 40,823 |
| Total income | | 168,957 | 164,716 |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | |
| Raising funds | 7 | 216 | 4,564 |
| Charitable activities | 8 | 148,919 | 134,379 |
| Total resources expended | | 149,135 | 138,943 |
| Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds | | 19,822 | 25,773 |
| Fund balances at 1 November 2020 | | 51,994 | 26,221 |
| Fund balances at 31 October 2021 | | 71,816 | 51,994 |

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

| | Notes | 2021 £ | £ | 2020 £ | £ |
|---|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 12 | | 7,373 | | 4,916 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 814 | | 3,290 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 68,379 | | 48,560 | |
| | | 69,193 | | 51,850 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (4,750) | | (4,772) | |
| Net current assets | | | 64,443 | | 47,078 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 71,816 | | 51,994 |
| Income funds | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 71,816 | | 51,994 |
| | | | 71,816 | | 51,994 |

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 October 2021.

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

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

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 April 2022


K Curtis
Trustee

7.4.2022

Company Registration No. 07490362

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Active Hope Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 5 Pangbourne Close, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 5HJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Plant and equipment | 33.3% reducing balance |
|---------------------|------------------------|

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted funds 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Donations | 48,399 | 63,893 |
| Gift aid tax | 8,103 | 4,309 |
| | <u>56,502</u> | <u>68,202</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

4 Charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2021 £ | Outdoor Education 2020 £ |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Activity fees | 30,678 | 30,064 |
| Grants received | 40,399 | 11,933 |
| | <u>71,077</u> | <u>41,997</u> |

5 Other trading activities

| | Unrestricted funds 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fundraising | <u>1,532</u> | <u>13,694</u> |

6 Other income

| | Unrestricted funds 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Job retention scheme | 39,843 | 40,768 |
| Bank interest | 3 | 55 |
| | <u>39,846</u> | <u>40,823</u> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

7 Raising funds

| | Unrestricted funds 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Fundraising and publicity</u> | | |
| Other fundraising costs | 216 | 4,564 |

8 Charitable activities

| | Outdoor Education 2021 £ | Outdoor Education 2020 £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Depreciation | 3,631 | 1,411 |
| Grants payable | - | 250 |
| Centre hire and fees | 5,151 | 2,741 |
| Food and supplies | 2,249 | 2,866 |
| Subcontractors | 8,723 | 3,120 |
| Cycle, vehicle and equipment hire | 100 | 120 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 19,854 | 10,508 |
| Share of support costs (see note 9) | 127,865 | 122,721 |
| Share of governance costs (see note 9) | 1,200 | 1,150 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 148,919 | 134,379 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

9 Support costs

| | Support costs | Governance costs | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Staff costs | 102,183 | - | 102,183 | 100,685 |
| Office costs | 5,139 | - | 5,139 | 3,661 |
| Volunteer expenses and gifts | - | - | - | 275 |
| Equipment hire and maintenance | 4,813 | - | 4,813 | 2,015 |
| Motor expenses | 8,441 | - | 8,441 | 7,554 |
| Insurance | 3,017 | - | 3,017 | 2,801 |
| Subscriptions | 1,727 | - | 1,727 | 2,360 |
| Training and staff clothing | 1,539 | - | 1,539 | 723 |
| Professional fees and bank charges | 1,006 | - | 1,006 | 2,647 |
| Independent examiners fees | - | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,150 |
| | <u>127,865</u> | <u>1,200</u> | <u>129,065</u> | <u>123,871</u> |
| Analysed between | | | | |
| Charitable activities | <u>127,865</u> | <u>1,200</u> | <u>129,065</u> | <u>123,871</u> |

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------|----------|
| | Number | Number |
| | 5 | 5 |
| | <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> |

Employment costs

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 102,183 | 100,685 |
| | <u>102,183</u> | <u>100,685</u> |

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the head of operations and the project manager. The total key management remuneration was £54,122 (2020 :£54,345).

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

ACTIVE HOPE LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

12 Tangible fixed assets

| | Plant and equipment |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | £ |
| Cost | |
| At 1 November 2020 | 68,100 |
| Additions | 6,088 |
| | <u>74,188</u> |
| At 31 October 2021 | 74,188 |
| | <u>74,188</u> |
| Depreciation | |
| At 1 November 2020 | 63,184 |
| Depreciation charged in the year | 3,631 |
| | <u>66,815</u> |
| At 31 October 2021 | 66,815 |
| | <u>66,815</u> |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 October 2021 | 7,373 |
| | <u>7,373</u> |
| At 31 October 2020 | 4,916 |
| | <u>4,916</u> |

13 Debtors

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Other debtors | 814 | 3,290 |
| | <u>814</u> | <u>3,290</u> |

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other creditors | 4,750 | 4,772 |
| | <u>4,750</u> | <u>4,772</u> |

15 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year ended 31 October 2021 (2020 - None).