

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07540163 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1140845

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 28 February 2025
for
The Hope Centre in North East Cheshire

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for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Purpose: To respond to Human Need by Loving Service 'LIVING; LOVING; SERVING; SHARING'

Objectives.

- The advancement of the Christian Faith amongst the residents of North East Cheshire
- by promoting education
- by providing opportunities for social interaction
- by providing facilities which foster social welfare through recreation and leisure
- by encouraging and facilitating entry and re-entry into the world of work

All the above with the objective of improving the wellbeing of local residents

-The Hope Centre has a mission actively to promote the principle of equality of opportunity at all times

Activities

The Hope Centre was established in 2011 and has now been serving the Macclesfield community for almost 15 years. This year has been a period of seeking to consolidate on the changes made in the previous year to the layout of the ground floor and 1st Floor (Upper Room).

Significant activities

All its charitable activities focus on responding to human need by Living; Loving; Serving; Sharing.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

1. Community Hub

The Hope Centre has continued to widen its contacts within the community and the space in the 'Upper Room' has been used increasingly for meetings of other community groups to share information and develop plans to meet the needs of the Macclesfield community in a more efficient and empathetic way?

2. 'Thrive4Life'-Mental Health Training

The partnership between 'Thrive4Life' and the Hope Centre has continued with the upper room being used as the base for training.

3. Church Leaders

The Church leaders Have held regular meetings, starting with breakfast and then followed by meeting in the Upper Room to plan joint activities for the community.

4, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

This year the food was provided by the Hope Centre Team, catering for approx. 100 people including Representatives from Macclesfield and East Cheshire Council, Education, Police, Fire Service, Business and local charities, along with the local MP, sharing the very positive work carried out for the benefit of the community.

5. Youth Activities

" The Hope Centre has continued to be a base for the Leaders to meet. There are on average 12 Christian Youth workers and it serves as an opportunity to share ideas, resources and planning activities for the benefit of YP in the community: -

" Amplified a major worship event for 10-17-year-olds and upwards of 60-100 attend at venues in different churches in Macclesfield

" Implemented a course 'Finding Jesus' for 10-16-year-olds in the Upper Room on Saturday afternoons.

6. The Homeless

During the year there has been an increasing demand from the Homeless based in Macclesfield and over 250 meals/drinks have been provided, together with sleeping bags to those sleeping rough. The Management working with the Council Homeless team has assisted many to find accommodation and, in certain special cases, assisted some to have overnight hotel rooms for individuals in critical need. The financial support has been assisted by gifts provided by HC customers who give and is recorded on a 'Pay it Forward' board.

7. Listening Ear.

The Manager and Team have continued to listen to those in need and when necessary, redirected them for specialist help this has been especially for the Homeless and Recovering Addicts.

8. The Princes /Kings Trust

A team of young people (16-24 years old) carried out a project at the Hope Centre, decorating the ground and 1st floor internally and externally (including the garden area). This had a very positive benefit for the Hope Centre, but more importantly for the Well-Being and mental health of many of those taking part. When the project ended, a number of them joined as Volunteers.

9. Women's Turnaround

Women's Turnaround has operated in the Hope Centre in the Upper room each Wednesday during the past year. It provides a service for women, who have offended in the past and the team try and help them to turn their lives around and prevent reoffending.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

The number of Volunteers during the year averaged 24. A number coming from the 2nd stage of ROAR (Reach out and recover), individuals recovering from Addiction and also the Princes Trust. Training was given to 8 individuals in the Kitchen and Café (to help re-establish them in the community and re-build their self-esteem).

With the additional support of 5 Trustees, the number of hours provided was 11,500. Estimated value £141,000.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial report and accounts for the period ending 28 February 2025 are found on page 6.

The charity had a net profit for the year of £8,027 (2024 - deficit of £24,779).

There was a decrease in sales for the year to £34,487 from £43,308 in 2024.

Total gifts - donations were £50,630 for 2025. (2024 - £7,485)

Included in the total gifts - donations during the year were a Legacy of £23,658 (2024 - £nil) and Grants of £8,044 (2024 - £nil).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have set the Charity's unrestricted reserves at a minimum level of £9,000 to cover a period of 3 months to allow payment of rent and salaries to allow an orderly closure.

At the end of the year the total unrestricted negative reserves held by the charity was £6,887.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees have identified a growing need to provide increased support to the community, operating within our existing objects. It is recognised that for this to be achieved financially we need to:

- Increase the Café sales.
- Gain increased Grant support
- Financial giving from supporters

In July 2025 the Hope Centre Manager moved to a new role in the Salvation Army focussed on supporting the Homeless. As a result the Centre will reduce the support given to the Homeless and focus on new areas requiring attention in our community.

A new Manager was appointed in July 2025 and has already identified new areas of need, following discussions with community leaders (Social Subscribers). Listed below are the new initiatives, that will be trialled during the year

- Dementia -Music Café
- Dementia Disco
- Knitting group
- Singing & Colouring
- Cooking Classes
- Life-Skills

During this past year 2024/25 the Hope Centre received a Grant for Cooking and Life Skills courses; the Cooking Skills course has now been successfully launched.

In addition, the Hope Centre will continue to explore opportunities of working in partnership with other organisations with a similar ethos.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Key management remuneration

None of the Management (Trustees) receives any remuneration.

The Hope Centre in North East Cheshire

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Related parties

The Hope Centre has no financial or legal link with any other organisations, but works closely with Hope in North East Cheshire which represents 39 churches in the community.

Mr R J Boland, a Trustee, has made loans to the company totalling £26,000 (2024 - £17,000)

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Hope Centre is governed by a team of Trustees with a Chairman and Deputy. The Trustees meet bimonthly to review the financial position and review plans proposed by the Manager. The Trustees also meet once a year to look ahead and prepare future plans.

The Manager presents monthly reports to the Trustees and meets with the Trustees bi-monthly to review progress and address any key concerns.

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 23rd February 2011 and registered as a charity on 23rd February 2011

The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at Year end was 5 (2024: -5). The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note to the accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07540163 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1140845

Registered office
16-18 Park Lane
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Trustees
Mr R J Boland Chair/Treasurer
Mrs M R Tugwood Vice Chair
Mrs D M J Bayley (resigned 19.7.24)
Ms R L Marshall MBE
Rev C N Whiteley

Company Secretary
Mrs D E I Phillips

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for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr R J Boland - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Hope Centre in North East Cheshire

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Hope Centre in North East Cheshire ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended
28 February 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

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:

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

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

Melissa Bowers FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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Date:

The Hope Centre in North East Cheshire

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

		28.2.25 Unrestricted fund £	29.2.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		50,630	7,485
Other trading activities	2	34,847	43,308
Investment income	3	6	3
Total		<u>85,483</u>	<u>50,796</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		75,900	73,646
Other		1,556	1,929
Total		<u>77,456</u>	<u>75,575</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		8,027	(24,779)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		(14,914)	9,865
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(6,887)</u>	<u>(14,914)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Hope Centre in North East Cheshire

Balance Sheet
28 February 2025

	Notes	28.2.25 Unrestricted fund £	29.2.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	2,745	4,213
Debtors	10	373	1,915
Cash at bank and in hand		25,829	3,663
		<u>28,947</u>	<u>9,791</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(35,834)	(24,705)
		<u>(6,887)</u>	<u>(14,914)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
		(6,887)	(14,914)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(6,887)	(14,914)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(6,887)</u>	<u>(14,914)</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		(6,887)	(14,914)
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(6,887)</u>	<u>(14,914)</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 28 February 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr R J Boland - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
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Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Donated goods

Donated professional services and donated 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. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated 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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	28.2.25	29.2.24
	£	£
Sales	32,757	41,888
Other income	2,090	1,420
	<u>34,847</u>	<u>43,308</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	28.2.25	29.2.24
	£	£
Deposit account interest	6	3
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	28.2.25	29.2.24
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,556	1,929
Depreciation - owned assets	-	582
Other operating leases	9,000	9,000
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 28 February 2025 nor for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 28 February 2025 nor for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

6. STAFF COSTS

No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 3 (2024: 1).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the board of trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2024: £Nil).

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	7,485
Other trading activities	43,308
Investment income	3
Total	<u>50,796</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	73,646
Other	1,929
Total	<u>75,575</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(24,779)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	9,865
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>(14,914)</u></u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025	<u>5,918</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025	<u>5,918</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 28 February 2025	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 29 February 2024	<u><u>-</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

9. STOCKS

	28.2.25	29.2.24
	£	£
Stocks	2,745	4,213
	<u>2,745</u>	<u>4,213</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	28.2.25	29.2.24
	£	£
VAT	-	598
Prepayments and accrued income	373	1,317
	<u>373</u>	<u>1,915</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	28.2.25	29.2.24
	£	£
Other loans (see note 12)	26,000	17,000
Social security and other taxes	7,157	4,786
VAT	137	-
Accrued expenses	2,540	2,919
	<u>35,834</u>	<u>24,705</u>

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	28.2.25	29.2.24
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	26,000	17,000
	<u>26,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.3.24	Net movement in funds	At 28.2.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(14,914)	8,027	(6,887)
	<u>(14,914)</u>	<u>8,027</u>	<u>(6,887)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(14,914)</u>	<u>8,027</u>	<u>(6,887)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,483	(77,456)	8,027
	<u>85,483</u>	<u>(77,456)</u>	<u>8,027</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>85,483</u>	<u>(77,456)</u>	<u>8,027</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.3.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 29.2.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,865	(24,779)	(14,914)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,865</u>	<u>(24,779)</u>	<u>(14,914)</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,796	(75,575)	(24,779)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>50,796</u>	<u>(75,575)</u>	<u>(24,779)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.3.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 28.2.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,865	(16,752)	(6,887)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,865</u>	<u>(16,752)</u>	<u>(6,887)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	136,279	(153,031)	(16,752)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,279</u>	<u>(153,031)</u>	<u>(16,752)</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 28 February 2025.

The Hope Centre in North East Cheshire

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

	28.2.25 £	29.2.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and legacies	38,365	6,547
Gift aid	4,221	938
Grants	8,044	-
	<u>50,630</u>	<u>7,485</u>
Other trading activities		
Sales	32,757	41,888
Other income	2,090	1,420
	<u>34,847</u>	<u>43,308</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	6	3
	<u>85,483</u>	<u>50,796</u>
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Supplies	22,533	22,806
Staff costs	28,296	27,703
Other operating leases	9,000	9,000
Running expenses	12,293	11,977
Equipment	2,799	457
Other costs	979	1,703
	<u>75,900</u>	<u>73,646</u>
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,556	1,929
	<u>77,456</u>	<u>75,575</u>
Total resources expended		
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>8,027</u>	<u>(24,779)</u>