



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	6	4	20		5	4	21

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Emma Howell	Chair of Trustees		
2	Joseph Laycock	Church Leader		
3	Janice Smith	Trustee		
4	Philip Howell	Trustee		
5	Jayne Harris	Church Leader	From 1/2/2021	
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

**Name**

**Dates acted if not for whole year**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

**Type of adviser**

**Name**

**Address**


**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document Trust Deed

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted Trust

(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods Appointed by Spiritual Leadership

(eg. appointed by, elected by)

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We are very pleased that Jayne Harris has agreed to be a Trustee of Hope Church. She is also a member of the Leadership team.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statements of belief in Crewe, the UK or the world.  
To relieve sickness and financial hardship by the provision of goods, funds or services, including support in Crewe, the UK or the world.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

When considering our activities for the year, the Trustees and Spiritual Leadership of Hope church have taken the Commission's guidance on public benefit into account and in particular the guidance on the advancement of religion. All weekly activities in Hope church seek to enable people to live out their Christian faith in the community, and to reach out to the local area with the Christian faith. This is done in the following ways.

In a normal year, there are weekly Sunday meetings, which are open to all. Hope kids takes place during this meeting for 4-11 year olds and a creche for pre-school children. Young people also have a fortnightly meeting during the sermon. There are special services for Christmas, Easter and Harvest. Most Sundays a bring and share lunch is held, to which all are invited. There are also baptismal services for new believers and dedication services for parents who wish to bring their child up in the church.

This year our Sunday meetings took place on facebook as a livestream or on Zoom for midweek prayer meetings. There were some who met in person at Hope Church Central, when permitted, so services became a hybrid of livestream and in-person Church.

Prayer meetings support the life of the church and we meet weekly online or in person and fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Home groups meet fortnightly, which provide the opportunity for people to meet in small groups and discuss and ask questions about the teaching on Sunday. These have also taken place online and in person when possible.

The Youth group meets weekly for 11-17 year olds. This has taken place online and also in person when possible. A young adult group (18-30s) meeting usually takes place weekly, but this year has met informally online irregularly.

There is an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations and offer table tennis and table football. This became a food delivery service during lockdown and a once-weekly provision in our building when permitted.

This year we have not held any Community Sales. This is where we sell second hand items at low prices to the local area, all profits are given away to charities. We have also not held any coffee mornings this year.

A weekly lunch club is held in a local high school, where young people can explore faith. A Christian Union is run at the local college and is open to all. Neither of these have been possible due to Covid, but we intend to restart these when possible.

This year we have not undertaken any organised Street outreach. Normally this happens every week, where free teas and coffees are given out. Literature about the Christian faith is on hand and people are available to talk and to pray, should someone wish it.

The Alpha Course, which is an introduction to Christianity, is run twice a year, with other churches in Crewe and is open to anyone. This has taken place online.

Hope church's website provides information of how to become a Christian, and includes information about the church. It is updated regularly.

Hope church is also a contributor to the local food bank

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**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This past year saw a move to livestream Church, which enabled many people to engage twice weekly with both Church and each other. Our 'closed' group has grown to roughly 230 members over the year. We have had some people engaging online who would not normally come to Church and people from other areas, which has been encouraging.

Since August 2020 we have had some in-person attendance at Hope Church Central, from where we ran our meetings, which allowed roughly 15-18 people to attend with the Covid restrictions in place. This was an enormous encouragement to those who were isolated, single people and those who genuinely found encouragement and support from even the small contact that was allowed.

A number of families and individuals joined us over the year and we have had a new Start Rite discipleship group for new Christians.

When permitted we held 2 baptismal services which were a great encouragement to all.

The Farsi Bible study continued through the year, as it was a vital support to these men who were isolated and vulnerable, many in a new town with no personal relationships. The number of asylum seekers we were engaged with grew to 85, due to a massive increase in those being placed in Crewe. From January on we supported them with weekly food deliveries and brief conversations on the doorstep, but both were greatly appreciated. There has been a constant stream of asylum seekers needing help with documents, or practical matters, or just a listening ear as many are facing very difficult situations. Even in lockdown a socially distanced walk made a great difference for many.

We received food deliveries from Marks and Spencer and Aldi to support this work, and were also able to support Church members, neighbours, family members, and those in need a number of times through the difficult year. It enabled quick pastoral visits on the doorstep to see how people were, and also allowed people to help anyone they knew who was in need, as they could ask for a parcel or flowers to be delivered.

The Church has met many needs this year, both practically and spiritually. There were a number of times when people contacted us for clothes or household items and we were able to provide them. We helped those who had had accidents, or who were bereaved, or who lost a job, with food, meals and support. Phil and Emma took a number of funerals.

Love Crewe continued this year in the form of online zoom meetings and town-wide prayer meetings held on zoom. These were encouraging and especially the Christmas project drew many people. The Church Leaders decided to distribute 10000 Christmas parcels, with a hot chocolate sachet, Gospel of Luke and an invitation to an online Christmas Carol service. This was quite a feat, but happened successfully with many volunteers. 2 online Alpha courses took place with a number of people attending and some finding faith and joining churches.

The Youth work has continued over the year and has been a blessing to the Church young people in their isolation. We very much appreciate Steve and Glenda Christner and their team of helpers, who cared for the young people of high school age this year.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Neither the Church weekend away nor Revive, our annual conference, could happen in person, but we did value the Revive online sessions in August.

Crewe Street Pastors did not take place for most of this year. We did manage to go out for patrols from Sept to December when we were able to. This is another great project between the churches across the town. Each week there is a team that walks around the town centre area and talks to young people and is available to help. This will restart as soon as possible.

Phil is heading up a ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) group, which is a national organisation run by Christians, who work in partnership with local authorities and the police and many other charity groups. The aim is to focus on a few key areas in Crewe that have been identified by the police, research and local involvement, to bring change and improvement. This has also taken place online over the year.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees have agreed to keep a reserve of £3000 in the church account.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Hope Church receives finances from its members and operates according to a strict financial policy. Paid workers salaries are determined by a finance committee and are reviewed annually. The sum on the receipts and payments accounts, for minister's remuneration includes the money given to all paid workers and ministers.

## Section F Other optional information

### Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*Emma Howell*

Full name(s)

EMMA HOWELL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date

17/8/2021



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

*Charity name*

HOPE CHURCH CARE

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1145555

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2021

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- + accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- + the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

*[Signature]*

**Date:**

07/8/2021

**Name:**

SARLES REDMOND

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

FELLOW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED  
CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (FCCA)

**Address:**

54 LARVILEY DRIVE, CREWE, CHESHIRE,  
CW2 8LN



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope Church Group

Reg No. 1142255

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

06/04/2020

To

05/04/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift aid receipts	15,540	-	-	15,540	17,852
Casualty donations and gifts under gift aid	65,788	780	-	66,568	85,989
Interest	-	15	-	15	42
HCC Hire	80	-	-	80	809
Love Church	2,164	-	-	2,164	75
Hope Trust	-	-	-	-	5
Fire	9,852	-	-	9,852	9,852
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>93,324</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,119</b>	<b>114,763</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>93,324</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,119</b>	<b>114,763</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Gifts for ministry and support	12,888	-	-	12,888	15,034
Minister's remuneration	48,150	-	-	48,150	45,834
Training	665	-	-	665	603
Kid's church	478	-	-	478	1,806
Culturesh	28	-	-	28	807
Church events	1,154	-	-	1,154	10,488
Neighbourhood Trust Group	4,463	-	-	4,463	2,407
Rent	-	-	-	-	5,820
Travel/conference/transport	1,173	-	-	1,173	2,302
Equipment hire costs	2,266	-	-	2,266	1,107
Special Projects	850	-	-	850	-
Nature	329	-	-	329	326
Misc.	756	-	-	756	1,687
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
HCC	436	-	-	436	1,982
Utilities	2,686	-	-	2,686	2,253
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>74,254</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,254</b>	<b>58,017</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>74,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>74,254</b>	<b>58,017</b>
<b>Net of receipts/payments</b>	<b>19,070</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,076</b>	<b>24,277</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A5 Cash funds last year and</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>18,241</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,246</b>	<b>9,999</b>
<b>Cash funds this year and</b>	<b>31,246</b>	<b>19,030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,276</b>	<b>31,246</b>

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	32,286	0	
	Deposit account		19,036	-
	Petty cash		0	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>32,286.23</b>	<b>19,036</b>	<b>0</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

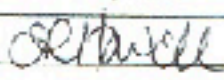
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building/Wish Chape	Restricted	50,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EMMA HOWELL	17/8/21