



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day6	Month4	Year24		Day5	Month4	Year25

### Section A tails

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

Hope Church Crewe

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1145555

Charity's principal address

24 Catherine Street

Crewe

Cheshire

Postcode

CW26HD

### 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 Church Leader		
2	Joseph Laycock	Trustee		
3	Philip Howell	Trustee, Church Leader		
4	Jayne Harris	Trustee		
5	Stephen Johnson	Trustee		
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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
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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Spiritual Leadership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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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.

## 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.

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. On some 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 baby up in the church.

Prayer meetings support the life of the church with meetings once a week and fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Home groups meet fortnightly, which provide the opportunity for people to meet in small groups and discuss a variety of topics.

The Youth group meets weekly for 11-18 year olds.

On a Wednesday morning we run an asylum seeker cafe, where we provide English conversation, distribute food donations, clothes and household items. We also provide bikes as we are able. Table football is on offer and help with form filling, phone calls and personal support. There is a weekly Ukrainian hub which is accessed by local Ukrainians, where they support one another and receive help.

Hope + Coffee is a local hub for people to come and purchase coffee and cake, second hand books, clothes and gifts and new books, plus items made by a Nepali charity which teaches people to sew. It has been a lovely way for local people to benefit from very cheap prices and meet up with others. Many make it part of their week.

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.

The Alpha Course, which is an introduction to Christianity, is run three times 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.

**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 has been another year of change for us. We were making plans to run a Community Grocery, Children's centre and community cafe with the Always Ahead charity in the former Flag Lane Baths. This project was closed down by 'the powers that be' in September. In January this year we found a suitable building for lease from which we could run these projects. We have been making plans alongside lawyers, architects and the local council. The hope is to start in Autumn 25.

Church is still growing and we are recognising the changing nature of Crewe in people moving in and out and shift work affecting regular attendance. Having said that we are still growing and an increasing number are serving in Church. It is a wonderful mix of life and nationalities and backgrounds and ages. We had a team of Interns for an outreach week in September, who served the local area and church and helped us with outreach in Crewe town centre.

There were a number of 'special' services, such as the International Sunday, where we celebrated the 20 or so nationalities worshipping with us. There was also a harvest service followed by a soup lunch and the money was given to Tear Fund. The Carol service was well attended and many friends and family joined us for that.

Home groups meet fortnightly in the different areas of Crewe, where we worship, pray, study the Bible and support one another. Prayer meetings are held weekly on a Tuesday morning and fortnightly in the evening, which are always encouraging. As we have had fewer asylum seekers in Church we have been able to pray without needing translation. The Farsi Bible study has still continued to help those in Crewe to grow in their faith.

Hope Cafe, the asylum seeker ministry, was blessed with a grant from Bentley for the second year, which has enabled us to provide for the needs of those who attend. We regularly see 80 people who come for help and advice and support. It is still a place of laughter and we have been able to help many in their transitions from hotel to rented accommodation and into jobs.

Love Crewe has been holding regular celebrations which has united many churches and believers. The monthly leaders lunch is a source of information and connection for all. We were able to take part in the town Light Switch on and point to the real meaning of Christmas. The service in Queen's park saw more churches taking part and we are enjoying the unity between us. There was a week's mission by the Message Academy who went into schools and took part in youth groups and the park service.

The youth work now has a new team, which has grown over the year and the numbers attending similarly. The kids work has a strong team and lots of children and the creche has become a vital part of Sundays for many.

Hope + Coffee provides a wonderful space for local people and church people to relax together and enjoy refreshments, plus access cheap gifts and clothes. It has a wonderful welcoming atmosphere and the mix of people and conversations is joyful!

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## Achievements and performance

Our weekend away was held in March at Cloverley hall and we enjoyed time together having fun and responding to the challenge from the book of Ephesians. We had youth workers as well as children's workers this time and it was a great blessing. The youth also attended the Ichthus Revive weekend in February, which they all enjoyed, as they met with many other young people from around the country.

Revive was also a highlight as it is every year. We were able to bring 15 asylum seekers and there were over 70 of us from Crewe, which was due to the Jubilee reduced price. Many people were challenged and there has been a wonderful increase in enthusiasm and participation in serving in Church.

We are very grateful to the continuing provision of surplus food from Marks and Spencer, who have given us a charity food donation 3 or 4 times a week, to be distributed to the community. Aldi also gives us donations once a week for Hope Cafe. This has been a blessing to those who are in debt, asylum seekers, families, older people, and friends of church members, plus those who have lost jobs. To date we have given out 145,000 meals.

The Church is involved with Christians Against Poverty and connects with many local charities, organisations and churches

## 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.

## 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) ER Howell 

Full name(s) EMMA RACHEL HOWELL PHILIP BRIAN HOWELL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIR OF TRUSTEES  
CHURCH LEADER TRUSTEE /  
CHURCH LEADER

Date 10/9/2025





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Hope Church Crewe

On accounts for the year  
ended

5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1145555

Set out on pages

3 & 4

*(Remember to include the page numbers if additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025.

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:

Date:

09/09/2025

Name:

ALAN PLATT

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

RETIRED BANK MANAGER  
AdvDip Retail Banking Practice

Address:

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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 Crewe

Reg No. 1145555

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

06/04/2024

To

05/04/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Gift Aid Receipts	17,735	-	-	17,735	19,443
General Donations and gifts under gift aid	101,994	-	-	101,994	116,062
Interest	2,558	-	-	2,558	579
HCC Hire	4,435	-	-	4,435	2,731
Shop Income	2,639	-	-	2,639	4,628
Special Projects/Grant	-	19,538	-	19,538	25,502
Fire	-	-	-	-	7,389
Book Sale	-	-	-	-	25
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>129,360</b>	<b>19,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148,898</b>	<b>176,358</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>129,360</b>	<b>19,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148,898</b>	<b>176,358</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Gift for ministry and support	17,335	-	-	17,335	17,343
Ministers' remuneration	48,000	-	-	48,000	49,570
Training	763	-	-	763	820
Kids Church	1,081	-	-	1,081	1,164
Outreach	923	-	-	923	452
Church Events	22,996	-	-	22,996	21,208
Mission Activities/Love Crewe	1,310	-	-	1,310	1,931
Rent	6,240	-	-	6,240	6,240
Tel/Stationery /Postage	559	-	-	559	752
Equipment Hire/Costs	1,112	-	-	1,112	1,539
Special Projects/Grant	-	20,803	-	20,803	15,478
Misc	250	-	-	250	1,302
Shop	1,442	-	-	1,442	3,055
HCC	2,745	-	-	2,745	2,509
Utilities	3,911	-	-	3,911	3,850
Asylum Seekers (Church spend)	3,302	-	-	3,302	16,066
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>111,968</b>	<b>20,803</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,771</b>	<b>143,278</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>111,968</b>	<b>20,803</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,771</b>	<b>143,278</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>17,392</b>	<b>- 1,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,127</b>	<b>33,080</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>68,065</b>	<b>30,024</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,089</b>	<b>65,009</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>85,457</b>	<b>28,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,216</b>	<b>98,089</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	27,405	8,759	-
	Deposit Account	57,683	20,000	-
	Petty Cash	369	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>85,457</b>	<b>28,759</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

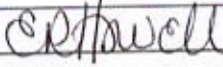
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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/Welsh Chapel	Restricted	50,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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	10/9/25