

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

England & Wales · Charity number 1149067

Details

Other names	BENS BRAINTREE, BENS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08166581
Registered	2012-09-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	43 Manor Street Braintree CM7 3HP
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Activities

Objects: 1. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY BY THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS IN NEED WHO ARE DEEMED HOMELESS AND REQUIRE SUCH ACCOMMODATION, ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE INCLUDING SIGN-POSTING TO AGENCIES OR ORGANISATIONS OF FURTHER SUPPORT. 2. THE RELIEF OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ILLNESS OF PERSONS IN NEED, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY REASON OF ADDICTION TO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION WHERE LACKING, COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT. 3. THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUTH, EX-OFFENDERS OR OTHERS IN DANGER OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION, BY RELIEVING THEIR NEEDS AND GIVING SUPPORT.

Activities: Accommodation & other help for the homeless in Braintree

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,345	£91,592	-	-
2024-03-31	£118,228	£119,622	-	-
2023-03-31	£114,804	£121,099	-	-
2022-03-31	£123,013	£121,154	-	-
2021-03-31	£132,997	£97,710	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY BRITTEN	Chair	2012-08-21
James George Douglas Mackay		2023-06-15
Nadine Hendrie		2021-12-20

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Trustees	Anthony Britten Nadine Hendrie James George Douglas Mackay Alan Peters (appointed as Director 16 April 2024)
Secretary	Daniel Burdge
Bankers	HSBC Great Square Braintree CM7 1TX CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiners	Community360 Winsley's House High Street Colchester Essex, CO1 1UG

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

We are a charity to help the homeless and to break the cycle of homelessness

How we operate

We provide accommodation for the homeless in two shared houses in the centre of Braintree. Both are registered Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOS). Both houses have a capacity of four bedrooms and can accommodate four adults of either sex.

We provide a support worker for each resident and work with them to address the issues that led to them becoming homeless, signposting them to other agencies and services as is appropriate to their needs. In this year due to operational challenges we only had 3 approaches for help from homeless people from 1/4/2024 to 29/4/2024 we then did not accept any further referrals as we needed the houses to be vacant. We welcomed 1 new resident and 7 moved on, some to social housing and others to private rentals or other accommodation this figure is higher than usual due to us needing to have the houses vacated, the last resident moved out in October 2024. This was to enable them to be sold or rented due to lack of finance. From 1st January 2025 both our houses were rented by CHESS Homeless charity and were used by the homeless until the end of the financial year.

Many of our ex-residents keep in contact and attend the Hope House community meal on a Wednesday. We have been unable due to the financial climate to raise substantial funding and have had to make cutbacks to staff and focus on the Hope House Community support aspect of our work.

Critical incidents

We have had no critical incidents this year though the lack of funding has resulted in us being unable to provide and staff supported accommodation directly and have worked with CHESS homeless charity who have rented our two houses and have been able to provide supported accommodation to the homeless.

Community Support and aftercare. Hope House Community (HHC)

Hope House Community (HHC) Offers ongoing support to our residents when they move on, this is provided by an open invitation to the weekly Hope House community meal at the Elim Church, the attendance at this meal is open to all, there are also home visits and they can telephone, text or email us or come to the office for a diverse range of support. We had seen a growing number of people dropping into the office for support. To meet this need we offered community support at the Elim church Coffee morning Mondays 10-12 and then on Tuesday 13th July 2024 we launched the Hope House Community Drop in 10-4pm at Food & More (Food Bank Shop) in the centre of Braintree. This has been very successful and in January 2025 we discontinued the Elim Church drop in session.

Financial matters

Both of our houses have a mortgage and there are associated domestic service costs in running the houses. Funding comes from a range of sources. However with the current financial situation, unsuccessful trust fund bids and lack of fundraisers our funds became

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seriously depleted and we took a 3 month payment holiday from our mortgage and made staff redundant. We were contacted by a firm of solicitors and told that we would be receiving £50,000 from a legacy at the end of the financial year we have not received this. We negotiated the rental of our houses to CHESS Homeless Charity which covers our mortgage and staff costs.

Human Resources

We have reduced our employees from 3 to 1 in this period with some casual employment. We have 3 Trustees who volunteer and take on a variety of roles. We have a good volunteer base who staff the Community meal mainly.

Public Benefit

We continue to have a significant impact in the lives of our residents, ex residents and other Community contacts established through the weekly Hope House Community meal and the Hope House Community Drop ins. We support and signpost those with addictions and mental health needs to appropriate agencies such as Open road, AA and rehabs. Helping them get to appointments and to attend groups. We are actively engaged with the local secondary mental health services. This results in less chaotic and more regulated lives that are not so needy. We work closely with Braintree Council and other statutory and voluntary organisations in the local homeless sector.

Future Plans

We are planning to merge Hope House Essex with CHESS Homeless Charity 1093901 in the coming year so that they may continue the provision of supported accommodation in Braintree for the homeless and local community support.



Anthony Britten
Chair of Trustees
Hope House Essex, 43 Manor St, Braintree, Essex, CM73HP

4th December 2025

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I 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 10th December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	14,323	5,000	19,323	19,439
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	3	34,416	-	34,416	97,525
Other trading income	4	1,138	-	1,138	1,223
Other income		468	-	468	41
Total incoming resources		<u>50,345</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>55,345</u>	<u>118,228</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Charitable activities	5	81,457	9,887	91,344	118,544
Cost of raising funds	6	247	-	247	1,078
Total resources expended		<u>81,705</u>	<u>9,887</u>	<u>91,592</u>	<u>119,622</u>
Net income for the year		(31,360)	(4,887)	(36,247)	(1,395)
Transfer between funds		1,200	(1,200)	-	-
Total funds brought forward		389,388	6,386	395,774	397,169
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>359,228</u></u>	<u><u>299</u></u>	<u><u>359,527</u></u>	<u><u>395,774</u></u>

The notes on pages 7 - 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	630,000	630,000
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,247	2,753
Cash at bank and in hand		3,577	35,763
		<u>8,824</u>	<u>38,515</u>
Current liabilities			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>18,172</u>	<u>15,063</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(9,348)	23,453
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>620,652</u>	<u>653,453</u>
Long term liabilities			
Amounts falling due after one year	10	261,125	257,679
Total net assets		<u><u>359,527</u></u>	<u><u>395,774</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	11	299	6,386
Unrestricted funds	11	223,228	253,388
Revaluation reserve		136,000	136,000
Total funds		<u><u>359,527</u></u>	<u><u>395,774</u></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed



Anthony Britten

Date

4th December 2025

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

1 General information

Hope House Essex is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. It's principle office address is 43 Manor Road, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3HP.

1.1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.2 Basis of accounting

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

Cash flow statements

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1

1.3 Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. These include the general and designated funds.
- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, which is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost, including initial transfer-in-value, less accumulated depreciation. The cost of minor additions is not capitalised, neither are property refurbishment costs.

1.7 Going concern

The trustees continue to consider their financial position to determine if the organisation can continue as a going concern. They are reviewing their options in the next financial year to enable their objectives to continue.

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1.8 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.9 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.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements in the financial statements.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations & legacies	14,323	5,000	19,323	19,439
	<u>14,323</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>19,323</u>	<u>19,439</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Grant income	-	-	-	46,450
Lettings income	34,387	-	34,387	50,995
Bank interest	29	-	29	79
	<u>34,416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,416</u>	<u>97,525</u>

4 Income from fundraising

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	1,138	-	1,138	1,223
	<u>1,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,138</u>	<u>1,223</u>

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5 Resources expended: charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	39,491	843	40,334	63,523
Mortgage interest	17,217	-	17,217	23,448
Rates	2,994	-	2,994	2,913
Refurbishments	3,205	3,000	6,205	1,182
Storage fees	880	500	1,380	1,055
Food	52	4,269	4,321	5,308
Client support costs	565	1,271	1,836	1,539
Utilities	5,982	-	5,982	5,505
Insurance	1,194	-	1,194	2,986
Postage, stationery & telephone	3,059	-	3,059	3,506
Other admin expenses	1,166	-	1,166	1,138
Sundry	4,403	4	4,407	3,700
Travel and parking	385	-	385	1,667
Legal & professional fees	865	-	865	1,074
	81,457	9,887	91,344	118,544

6 Resources expended: cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
PR & fundraising expenses	247	-	247	1,078
	247	-	247	1,078

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 April 2024	630,000	630,000
Revaluation	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	630,000	630,000
Depreciation		
As at 1 April 2024	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 March 2025	-	-
Net book values		
At 31 March 2025	630,000	630,000
At 31 March 2024	630,000	630,000

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8 Debtors				2025 Total £	2024 Total £
				3,599	1,105
Prepayments				1,648	1,648
				5,247	2,753
9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				2025 Total £	2024 Total £
				340	460
Accruals				3,702	473
Trade Creditors				14,130	14,130
Other Creditors				18,172	15,063
10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year				2025 £	2024 £
				261,125	257,679
11 Fund balances					
<u>Movement in funds</u>	At 01/04/24 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers	At 31/03/25 £
Restricted funds					
Councillor Fund - HHC	-	750	(452)	-	298
Walter Farthing Trust	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
Earls Colne WI	225	-	(225)	-	-
Mulberry Trust	-	-	-	-	-
B&Q Foundation	4	-	(4)	-	-
ECF - Phone fund	1,200	-	-	(1,200)	-
The Tudwick Foundation	603	-	(603)	-	-
Co-op - Business Development	554	-	(554)	-	-
Unsworth Sugden	465	-	(465)	-	-
L B Associates	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Eastlight Community - Meal fund	-	1,250	(1,250)	-	-
Braintree District Council - Meal fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Parry Family Charitable Foundation	334	1,000	(1,334)	-	-
	6,386	5,000	(9,887)	(1,200)	299
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	373,902	50,345	(81,705)	1,200	343,742
Housing Benefit	-	-	-	-	-
	373,902	50,345	(81,705)	1,200	343,742
Total funds	380,287	55,345	(91,592)	-	344,041

The Restricted Funds as reported, are those funds that the trustees may only spend on particular purposes of the charity.

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12 Previous year statement of activity

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Donations and legacies		18,439	1,000	19,439
Charitable activities				
Activities for generating funds		68,575	28,950	97,525
Other trading activities		1,223	-	1,223
Other income		41	-	41
Total incoming resources		88,278	29,950	118,228
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds:				
Charitable activities		81,984	36,560	118,544
Cost of raising funds		1,078	-	1,078
Total resources expended		83,062	36,560	119,622
Net income for the year		5,215	(6,610)	(1,395)
Revaluation of property		-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		384,173	12,996	397,169
Total funds carried forward		389,388	6,386	395,774

13 Staff

During the year ended 31 March 2025, there were 2 members of employed staff (2024 - 3).

No staff member earned over £60,000 during the year ended 31 March 2025. No key management personnel received more than £60,000 during the year.

14 Related Parties

During the year, there were no related party transactions.

15 Trustee remunerations

No trustees received remunerations for their time working with the organisation.

16 Post balance sheet events

Hope House Essex are exploring the option to merge with another organisation in the next financial year due to lack of funding and donations, but to allow the objectives and aims to continue. At the date of signing these accounts, no merger contracts had been exchanged.

Accounts

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We provide a support worker for each resident and work with them to address the issues that led to them becoming homeless, signposting them to other agencies and services as is appropriate to their needs. We support and help our residents get back into full time employment, this has been very successful and throughout the year usually half of our residents were in full-time employment some initially working through agencies and then being offered permanent contracts. In this year we had 73 approaches for help from homeless people this compares to 72 approaches last year. We welcomed 6 new residents and a similar number moved on, some to social housing and others to private rentals or other accommodation. When our residents move on we support them by sourcing furniture and white goods and in other ways. Many of our ex residents keep in contact and attend the Hope House community meal on a Wednesday.

During this last year we were unsuccessful with a number of applications for funding to Trust funds and an application to the National Lottery which has had a significant impact upon our finances. Some residents in employment failed to pay their rent. This gives us substantial financial challenges for the coming year.

Critical incidents

We have had no critical incidents this year.

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Financial matters

Both of our houses have a mortgage and there are associated domestic service costs in running the houses. Funding comes from a range of sources including housing benefit for each resident from BDC for those on benefit, or if they are employed from payment of rent. Trust fund applications and National Lottery funding are invaluable for our larger projects like Hope House Community and capital projects. The local churches, Lions, Rotary, schools, Masons and other organisations make donations. We also raise money from events, with the annual Santa run in great notley Country Park probably our most well known and colourful event with 100 costumed Santa's.

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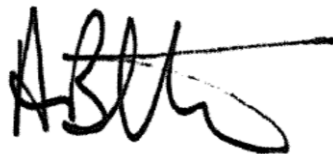
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Human Resources

We employed three-part time staff. We suffered staff shortage from the beginning of this period due to one of our Support workers long term sickness and then left. This resulted in additional workload for our other staff and volunteers. We have seen a slight increase in volunteers who are mainly involved in the Hope House weekly community meal. We have 3 Trustees who volunteer and take on a variety of roles.

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6th November 2024

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I 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.

Shelley Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 25/11/2024

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	18,439	1,000	19,439	15,459
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	3	68,575	28,950	97,525	96,756
Other trading income	4	1,223	-	1,223	1,236
Other income		41	-	41	1,353
Total incoming resources		<u>88,278</u>	<u>29,950</u>	<u>118,228</u>	<u>114,804</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Charitable activities	5	81,984	36,560	118,544	120,755
Cost of raising funds	6	1,078	-	1,078	344
Total resources expended		<u>83,062</u>	<u>36,560</u>	<u>119,622</u>	<u>121,099</u>
Net income for the year		5,215	(6,610)	(1,395)	(6,295)
Revaluation of property		-	-	-	136,000
Total funds brought forward		384,173	12,996	397,169	267,463
Total funds carried forward		<u>389,388</u>	<u>6,386</u>	<u>395,774</u>	<u>397,169</u>

The notes on pages 7 - 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	630,000	630,000
Current assets			
Debtors	8	2,753	1,665
Cash at bank and in hand		35,763	45,970
		<u>38,516</u>	<u>47,634</u>
Current liabilities			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>15,063</u>	<u>15,437</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		23,453	32,198
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>653,453</u>	<u>662,198</u>
Long term liabilities			
Amounts falling due after one year	10	257,679	265,029
Total net assets		<u><u>395,774</u></u>	<u><u>397,169</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	11	6,386	12,996
Unrestricted funds	11	389,388	248,173
Revaluation reserve		-	136,000
Total funds		<u><u>395,774</u></u>	<u><u>397,169</u></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed


Anthony Britten

Date

24/11/2024

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

1 General information

Hope House Essex is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. Its principle office address is 43 Manor Road, Braintree, Essex, CM7 3HP.

1.1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.2 Basis of accounting

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

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The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1

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- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. These include the general and designated funds.

- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

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All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, which is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost, including initial transfer-in-value, less accumulated depreciation. The cost of minor additions is not capitalised, neither are property refurbishment costs.

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The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

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

1.8 Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.9 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.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements in the financial statements.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations & legacies	18,439	1,000	19,439	15,459
	18,439	1,000	19,439	15,459

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Grant income	17,500	28,950	46,450	50,033
Lettings income	50,995	-	50,995	46,653
Bank interest	79	-	79	70
	68,575	28,950	97,525	96,756

4 Income from fundraising

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fundraising events	1,223	-	1,223	1,236
	1,223	-	1,223	1,236

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

5 Resources expended: charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	28,114	35,409	63,523	73,962
Mortgage interest	23,448	-	23,448	16,162
Rates	2,913	-	2,913	3,422
Refurbishments	1,097	85	1,182	5,753
Small equipment	-	-	-	980
Storage fees	1,055	-	1,055	1,100
Food	4,908	400	5,308	5,756
Client support costs	873	666	1,539	732
Utilities	5,505	-	5,505	5,942
Insurance	2,986	-	2,986	2,248
Postage, stationery & telephone	3,506	-	3,506	3,256
Other admin expenses	1,138	-	1,138	1,691
Sundry	3,700	-	3,700	1,925
Travel and parking	1,667	-	1,667	2,846
Legal & professional fees	1,074	-	1,074	1,826
	81,984	36,560	118,544	120,758

6 Resources expended: cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
PR & fundraising expenses	1,078	-	1,078	344
	1,078	-	1,078	344

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 April 2023	630,000	630,000
Revaluation	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	630,000	630,000
Depreciation		
As at 1 April 2023	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 March 2024	-	-
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	630,000	630,000
At 31 March 2023	630,000	630,000

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

8 Debtors					2024	2023
					Total	Total
					£	£
Debtors					1,105	17
Prepayments					1,648	1,648
					2,753	1,665
9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					2024	2023
					Total	Total
					£	£
Accruals					460	460
Trade Creditors					473	847
Deferred income					-	-
Other Creditors					14,130	14,130
					15,063	15,437
10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					2024	2023
					£	£
Mortgage commitments					257,679	265,029
11 Fund balances						
<u>Movement in funds</u>	At	Incoming	Outgoing	At		
	01/04/23	resources	resources	31/03/24		
	£	£	£	£		
Restricted funds						
Big Lottery Community Fund	7,409	15,000	(22,409)	-		
Walter Farthing Trust	3,000	-	-	3,000		
Earls Colne WI	225	-	-	225		
Mulberry Trust	-	-	-	-		
B&Q Foundation	4	-	-	4		
Essex Community Foundation	-	13,000	(13,000)	-		
Essex Community Foundation - Phone fund	1,200	-	-	1,200		
The Tudwick Foundation	603	-	-	603		
Co-op - Business Development	554	-	-	554		
Unsworth Sugden	-	750	(285)	465		
Ford Britain Trust	-	200	(200)	-		
Parry Family Charitable Foundation	-	1,000	(666)	334		
	12,996	29,951	(36,560)	6,387		
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	373,902	57,749	(42,262)	389,388		
Housing Benefit	10,271	30,529	(40,800)	-		
	384,173	88,278	(83,062)	389,388		
Total funds	397,168	118,229	(119,622)	395,775		

The Restricted Funds as reported, are those funds that the trustees may only spend on particular purposes of the charity.

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

12 Previous year statement of activity

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Donations and legacies		15,089	370	15,459
Charitable activities				
Activities for generating funds		46,723	50,033	96,756
Other trading activities		1,236	-	1,236
Other income		1,353	-	1,353
Total incoming resources		64,401	50,403	114,804
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds:				
Charitable activities		73,785	46,970	120,755
Cost of raising funds		344	-	344
Total resources expended		74,129	46,970	121,099
Net income for the year		(9,728)	3,433	(6,295)
Revaluation of property		136,000	-	136,000
Total funds brought forward		257,901	9,563	267,464
Total funds carried forward		384,173	12,996	397,169

13 Staff

During the year ended 31 March 2024, there were 3 members of employed staff (2023 - 3).

No staff member earned over £60,000 during the year ended 31 March 2024. No key management personnel received more than £60,000 during the year.

14 Related Parties

During the year, there were no related party transactions.

15 Trustee remunerations

No trustees received remunerations for their time working with the organisation.

Accounts

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

Charity number 1149067
Company registration number 08166581

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity number	1149067
Company registration number	08166581
Registered Office	43 Manor Street Braintree Essex CM7 3HP
Trustees	Anthony Britten David Rulton Nadine Hendrie
Secretary	Daniel Burdge
Bankers	HSBC Great Square Braintree CM7 1TX CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiners	Community360 Winsley's House High Street Colchester Essex, CO1 1UG

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

We are a charity to help the homeless and to break the cycle of homelessness

How we operate

We provide accommodation for the homeless in two shared houses in the centre of Braintree. Both are registered Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOS). Both houses have a capacity of four bedrooms and can accommodate four adults of either sex. We take direct referrals and referrals from prison, probation, mental health services and Braintree District Council. We have a two-step interview process where we explore their background and how they became homeless, we make inquiries of other agencies that have dealt with them and on the second interview we drug and alcohol test.

We provide a support worker for each resident and work with them to address the issues that led to them becoming homeless, signposting them to other agencies and services as is appropriate to their needs. We support and help our residents get back into full time employment, this has been very successful and throughout the year usually half of our residents were in full-time employment some initially working through agencies and then being offered permanent contracts. In this year we had 72 approaches for help from homeless people this compares to 83 approaches last year. We welcomed 8 new residents and a similar number moved on, some to social housing and others to private rentals or other accommodation. When our residents move on we support them by sourcing furniture and white goods and in other ways. Many of our ex residents keep in contact and attend the Hope House community meal on a Wednesday.

Critical incidents

We have had no critical incidents this year.

Community Support and aftercare. Hope House Community (HHC)

On going support to our residents when they move on is provided by an open invitation to the weekly Hope House community meal at the Elim Church, home visits and they can telephone or come to the office for a diverse range of support. We have seen a growing number of people dropping into the office for support.

Financial matters

Both of our houses have a mortgage and there are associated domestic service costs in running the houses. Funding comes from a range of sources including housing benefit for each resident from BDC for those on benefit, or if they are employed from payment of rent. Trust fund applications and National Lottery funding are invaluable for our larger projects like Hope House Community and capital projects. The local churches, Lions, Rotary, schools, Masons and other organisations make donations. We also raise money from events, with the annual Santa run in great notley Country Park probably our most well known and colourful event with 108 costumed Santa's.

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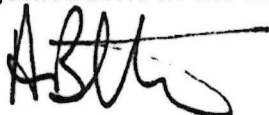
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Human Resources

We employ three-part time staff though one of our support worker staff went long term sick in December and this resulted in additional workload for our other staff and volunteers. We have seen a slight increase in volunteers who are mainly involved in the Hope House weekly community meal. We have 3 Trustees who volunteer and take on a variety of roles.

Public Benefit

We continue to have a significant impact in the lives of our residents, ex residents and other Community contacts established through the weekly Hope House Community meal. We support and signpost those with addictions and mental health needs to appropriate agencies such as Open road, AA and rehabs. Helping them get to appointments and to attend groups. We are more engaged with secondary mental health services and have regular support visits. This results in less chaotic and more regulated lives that are not so needy. We work closely with Braintree Council other statutory and voluntary organisations in the local homeless sector.



Anthony Britten
Chair of Trustees
Hope House Essex, 43 Manor St, Braintree, Essex, CM73HP

19th December 2023

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts of Hope House Essex for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360



Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex

Date 22nd December 2022

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	15,089	370	15,459	30,077
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	3	46,723	50,033	96,756	91,271
Other trading income	4	1,236	-	1,236	1,018
Other income		1,353	-	1,353	647
Total incoming resources		64,401	50,403	114,804	123,013
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Charitable activities	5	73,785	46,970	120,755	120,796
Cost of raising funds	6	344	-	344	358
Total resources expended		74,129	46,970	121,099	121,154
Net income for the year		(9,728)	3,433	(6,295)	1,859
Revaluation of property		136,000	-	136,000	-
Total funds brought forward		257,901	9,563	267,463	265,604
Total funds carried forward		384,173	12,996	397,169	267,463

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HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	630,000	494,000
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,665	6,114
Cash at bank and in hand		45,970	71,512
		<u>47,634</u>	<u>77,627</u>
Current liabilities			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>15,437</u>	<u>30,049</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		32,198	47,577
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>662,198</u>	<u>541,577</u>
Long term liabilities			
Amounts falling due after one year	10	265,029	274,114
Total net assets		<u><u>397,169</u></u>	<u><u>267,463</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	11	12,996	9,563
Unrestricted funds	11	248,173	257,901
Revaluation reserve		136,000	-
Total funds		<u><u>397,169</u></u>	<u><u>267,463</u></u>

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The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed 
Anthony Britten

Date 20/12/23

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

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HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

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

1.8 Taxation

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Donations & legacies	15,089	370	15,459	30,077
	15,089	370	15,459	30,077

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Grant income	-	50,033	50,033	44,323
Lettings income	46,653	-	46,653	46,948
Bank interest	70	-	70	-
	46,723	50,033	96,756	91,271

4 Income from fundraising

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fundraising events	1,236	-	1,236	1,018
	1,236	-	1,236	1,018

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

5 Resources expended: charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	35,174	38,788	73,962	55,305
Mortgage interest	16,162	-	16,162	12,138
Rates	(3,422)	-	(3,422)	5,906
Refurbishments	2,757	2,996	5,753	15,074
Small equipment	980	-	980	680
Storage fees	170	930	1,100	2,040
Food	3,542	2,214	5,756	7,198
Client support costs	296	436	732	2,609
Utilities	5,942	-	5,942	3,839
Insurance	2,248	-	2,248	2,114
Postage, stationery & telephone	2,797	459	3,256	2,413
Other admin expenses	1,691	-	1,691	2,737
Sundry	1,925	-	1,925	1,169
Travel and parking	1,699	1,147	2,846	5,909
Legal & professional fees	1,826	-	1,826	1,664
	<u>73,785</u>	<u>46,970</u>	<u>120,755</u>	<u>120,796</u>

6 Resources expended: cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
PR & fundraising expenses	344	-	344	358
	<u>344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>358</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 April 2022	494,000	494,000
Revaluation	136,000	136,000
As at 31 March 2023	<u>630,000</u>	<u>630,000</u>
Depreciation		
As at 1 April 2022	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2023	<u>630,000</u>	<u>630,000</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>494,000</u>	<u>494,000</u>

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8 Debtors			2023	2022
			Total	Total
			£	£
Debtors			17	4,690
Prepayments			1,648	1,424
			<u>1,665</u>	<u>6,114</u>
9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2023	2022
			Total	Total
			£	£
Accruals			460	1,198
Trade Creditors			847	3,888
Deferred income			-	10,833
Other Creditors			14,130	14,130
			<u>15,437</u>	<u>30,049</u>
10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			2023	2022
			£	£
Mortgage commitments			265,029	274,114
11 Fund balances				
<u>Movement in funds</u>	At	Incoming	Outgoing	At
	01/04/22	resources	resources	31/03/23
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Community Fund	5,180	30,370	(28,141)	7,409
Walter Farthing Trust	3,000	-	-	3,000
Earls Colne WI	225	-	-	225
Mulberry Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
B&Q Foundation	-	3,000	(2,996)	4
Essex Community Foundation	-	10,833	(10,833)	-
Essex Community Foundation - Phone fund	-	1,200	-	1,200
The Tudwick Foundation	603	-	-	603
Co-op - Business Development	554	-	-	554
	<u>9,563</u>	<u>50,403</u>	<u>(46,970)</u>	<u>12,996</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	239,370	32,231	(33,699)	237,902
Housing Benefit	18,531	32,170	(40,430)	10,271
	<u>257,901</u>	<u>64,401</u>	<u>(74,129)</u>	<u>248,173</u>
Total funds	<u>267,463</u>	<u>114,804</u>	<u>(121,099)</u>	<u>261,169</u>

The Restricted Funds as reported, are those funds that the trustees may only spend on particular purposes of the charity.

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12 Previous year statement of activity

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Donations and legacies		29,852	225	30,077
Charitable activities				
Activities for generating funds		46,948	44,323	91,271
Other trading activities		1,018	-	1,018
Other income		647	-	647
Total incoming resources		78,465	44,548	123,013
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds:				
Charitable activities		81,147	39,649	120,796
Cost of raising funds		229	129	358
Total resources expended		81,376	39,778	121,154
Net income for the year		(2,911)	4,771	1,859
Total funds brought forward		260,812	4,792	265,604
Total funds carried forward		257,901	9,563	267,463

13 Staff

During the year ended 31 March 2023, there were 3 members of employed staff.

No staff member earned over £60,000 during the year ended 31 March 2023. No key management personnel received more than £60,000 during the year.

14 Related Parties

During the year, there were no related party transactions.

15 Trustee remunerations

No trustees received remunerations for their time working with the organisation.

Accounts

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

Charity number 1149067
Company registration number 08166581

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Charity number	1149067
Company registration number	08166581
Registered Office	43 Manor Street Braintree Essex CM7 3HP
Trustees	Anthony Britten Susan Cannon (resigned 30th November 2021) David Rulton Susan Vernon (resigned July 2021) Alison Bancroft (resigned) Nadine Hendrie (appointed 20th December 2021)
Secretary	Daniel Burdge
Bankers	HSBC Great Square Braintree CM7 1TX CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiners	Community360 Winsley's House High Street Colchester Essex, CO1 1UG

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

We are a charity to help the homeless and to break the cycle of homelessness.

How we operate.

We provide accommodation for the homeless in two shared house's in Braintree. Both are registered Houses of multiple occupation (HMO's) Both houses have a capacity of 4 bedrooms and can accommodate 4 adults of either sex. We provide a Support worker for each resident and work with them to address the issues that led to them becoming homeless, sign posting them to other agencies and services as is appropriate to their needs and helping them get back into employment. In this year we had 83 approaches for help from homeless people up from 59 the previous year, this is a huge increase. We welcomed 9 new residents and a similar number moved on, some to social housing and others to private rentals or other accommodation.

Critical Incidents.

We have had no critical incidents this year.

Post Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown

We continued to provide a service accepting and processing referrals, admitting new residents, and moving our residents on during Lockdown and in the community having doorstep and open space support meetings. Our Support workers were exempt from travel restrictions as they were classed as Health workers and carried a letter of authorization. In May 2021 we restarted the weekly community meal at the Elim church, with temperature checks and other measures in place. This was welcomed by our residents, ex residents and community contacts and has been well attended.

On Going support. 'Hope House Essex Community' (HHC)

It has become clear that just finding accommodation to move someone on is not enough and they need further support to sustain their tenancy and to thrive. We also help those in the wider community struggling to keep their tenancy or to get accommodation. This year our support workers continued to work with our ex residents and other community contacts providing a diverse range of support. As the restrictions relaxed this became easier. We ran a Kintsugi Hope (Mental Health Wellbeing Charity) mental health well being course over 12 weeks and a number of our residents and contacts from HHC attended and took part and gave positive feedback and found it useful.

Financial Matters

Both of our houses have a mortgage. Additional expenses include domestic services, weekly food shop, maintenance, admin expenses, volunteers' expenses and salary for our 3 part time staff. Funding comes from a variety of sources, Housing benefit for each resident from BDC, or from them if they are employed. Trust fund applications and National Lottery funding are invaluable for our larger projects like Hope House Community and capital projects. The local churches, Lions, Schools, Masons and other organization's making donations. We also raise money from events, though many of these were curtailed such as the Carol services, Garden party and Quiz night due to Covid-19. With the easing of restrictions we were able to reinstate the annual Santa Run fund raiser and had 100 Santa's running 5k at the Great Notley Country park in December. Regular individual donors, Easyfunding, National lottery and Trust fund grants resulted in a healthy income.

Human Resources

We increased our staff to 3 part time 2 Support workers, and a House Coordinator/Administrator/book keeper and our accounts are now prepared by Community 360. After the pandemic we have seen an increase in the number of volunteers. We currently have 3 Trustees who volunteer and take on a variety of roles in Hope House Essex

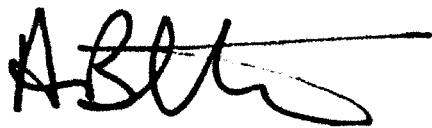
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Public Benefit

We continue to have a significant impact on our residents and their families, this is reflected in their feedback to us and their willingness to continue being engaged with us after they have moved on. We have helped some of our residents to find jobs and have helped them keep them. Not only do they continue to engage with us they also support each other. Our residents and ex residents took part in a local community care project 'Manor Community' led by a local church.

We have maintained good relations with our neighbour's, a number of churches, schools, other service providers, Police and Braintree District Council.



Tony Britten
Chairman of Trustees
Hope House Essex, 43 Manor St, Braintree, Essex, CM73HP

4th December 2022

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and Legacies	2	29,852	225	30,077	23,007
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	3	46,948	44,323	91,271	108,079
Other trading activities	4	1,018	-	1,018	611
Other income		647	-	647	1,300
Total incoming resources		<u>78,465</u>	<u>44,548</u>	<u>123,013</u>	<u>132,997</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Charitable activities	5	81,147	39,649	120,796	97,639
Cost of raising funds	6	229	129	358	71
Total resources expended		<u>81,376</u>	<u>39,778</u>	<u>121,154</u>	<u>97,710</u>
Net income for the year		<u>(2,911)</u>	<u>4,771</u>	<u>1,859</u>	<u>35,287</u>
Total funds brought forward		260,812	4,792	265,604	230,317
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>257,901</u></u>	<u><u>9,563</u></u>	<u><u>267,463</u></u>	<u><u>265,604</u></u>

The notes on pages 6 - 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	494,000	494,000
Current assets			
Debtors	7	6,114	2,089
Cash at bank and in hand		71,512	72,865
		<u>77,627</u>	<u>74,954</u>
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	30,049	18,899
		<u>30,049</u>	<u>18,899</u>
Total current assets less current liabilities		47,577	56,055
		<u>47,577</u>	<u>56,055</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>541,577</u>	<u>550,055</u>
Long Term Liabilities			
Amounts falling due after one year	9	274,114	284,451
		<u>274,114</u>	<u>284,451</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>267,463</u></u>	<u><u>265,604</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	10	9,563	4,792
Unrestricted funds	10	257,901	260,812
		<u>257,901</u>	<u>260,812</u>
Total funds		<u><u>267,463</u></u>	<u><u>265,604</u></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed


Anthony Britten

Date 7th December 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of accounting

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

Cash flow statements

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1

1.2 Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. These include the general and designated funds.

- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, which is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost, including initial transfer-in-value, less accumulated depreciation. The cost of minor additions is not capitalised, neither are property refurbishment costs.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Donations & legacies	29,852	225	30,077	23,007
	29,852	225	30,077	23,007

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Grant income	-	44,323	44,323	54,429
Lettings income	46,948	-	46,948	53,650
	46,948	44,323	91,271	108,079

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fundraising events	1,018	-	1,018	611
	1,018	-	1,018	611

5 Resources expended: charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Employee costs	22,553	32,753	55,305	46,431
Mortgage interest	12,138	-	12,138	12,541
Rates	5,906	-	5,906	3,515
Refurbishments	13,676	1,398	15,074	7,376
Small equipment	680	-	680	-
Storage fees	2,040	-	2,040	1,990
Food	6,147	1,051	7,198	8,996
Client support costs	1,379	1,230	2,609	1,646
Utilities	3,839	-	3,839	6,395
Insurance	2,114	-	2,114	1,627
Postage, stationery & telephone	976	1,437	2,413	1,509
Other admin expenses	2,737	-	2,737	1,528
Sundry	1,169	-	1,169	325
Travel and parking	4,129	1,780	5,909	2,803
Legal & professional fees	1,664	-	1,664	958
	81,147	39,649	120,796	97,639

6 Resources expended: cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
PR & fundraising expenses	229	129	358	71
	229	129	358	71

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6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 April 2021	494,000	494,000
Additions	-	-
As at 31 March 2022	<u>494,000</u>	<u>494,000</u>
Depreciation		
As at 1 April 2021	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2022	<u>494,000</u>	<u>494,000</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>494,000</u>	<u>494,000</u>

7 Debtors

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Debtors	4,690	687
Prepayments	1,424	1,402
	<u>6,114</u>	<u>2,089</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Accruals	1,198	1,081
Trade Creditors	3,888	688
Deferred income	10,833	3,000
Other Creditors	14,130	14,130
	<u>30,049</u>	<u>18,899</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other Creditors	<u>274,114</u>	<u>284,451</u>

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10 Fund balances

<u>Movement in funds</u>	At 01/04/21 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31/03/22 £
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Community Fund	4,792	30,000	(29,612)	5,180
Walter Farthing Trust	-	3,000	-	3,000
Earls Colne WI	-	225	-	225
Mulberry Trust	-	6,500	(6,500)	-
Essex Community Foundation	-	2,167	(2,167)	-
The Tudwick Foundation	-	2,000	(1,398)	603
Co-op - Business Development	-	657	(103)	554
	<u>4,792</u>	<u>44,548</u>	<u>(39,778)</u>	<u>9,563</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	248,726	35,553	(44,909)	239,370
Housing Benefit	12,086	42,912	(36,467)	18,531
	<u>260,812</u>	<u>78,465</u>	<u>(81,376)</u>	<u>257,901</u>
Total funds	<u>265,604</u>	<u>123,013</u>	<u>(121,154)</u>	<u>267,463</u>

The Restricted Funds as reported, are those funds that the trustees may only spend on particular purposes of the charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Previous Year Statement of Activity

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Donations and Legacies		23,007	-	23,007
Charitable activities				
Activities for generating funds		85,079	23,000	108,079
Other trading activities		611	-	611
Other income		1,300	-	1,300
Total incoming resources		<u>109,997</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>132,997</u>
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds:				
Charitable activities		79,431	18,208	97,639
Cost of raising funds		71	-	71
Total resources expended		<u>79,502</u>	<u>18,208</u>	<u>97,710</u>
Net income for the year		30,495	4,792	35,287
 Total funds brought forward		230,317	-	230,317
 Total funds carried forward		<u><u>260,812</u></u>	<u><u>4,792</u></u>	<u><u>265,604</u></u>

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of Hope House Essex for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages four to ten.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date

7th December
2022

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HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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How we operate

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Critical Incidents.

We have had no critical incidents this year.

Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic

During the whole of this period our operation was affected by varying levels of Lockdown and Government Health regulations, with staff withdrawn from entering the houses or office and door step meetings, telephone and WhatsApp meetings and video meetings replacing face to face. We continued to provide a service accepting and processing referrals, admitting new residents and moving our residents on. It just required new ways of working. None of our residents contracted Covid-19.

On Going support. 'Hope House Essex Community' (HHC)

It has become clear that just finding accommodation to move someone on is not enough and they need further support to sustain their tenancy and to thrive. This year our support workers continued to work with our ex residents, having street and doorstep meetings. Our HHC weekly meeting stopped in compliance with Covid regulations and telephone and WhatsApp communication increased. We continued to provide a range of diverse support and advocacy albeit remotely. At the beginning of the year we started a course on Mental Health wellbeing in partnership with Charity "Kintsugi Hope", this was well received, but had to be abandoned at week 3.

Financial Matters

Both of our houses have a mortgage. Additional expenses include domestic services, weekly food shop, maintenance, admin expenses, volunteers' expenses and salary for our 2 part time staff. Funding comes from a variety of sources, Housing benefit for each resident from BDC, or from them if they are employed. Trust fund applications and National Lottery funding are invaluable for our larger projects like Hope House Community and capital projects. The local churches, Lions, Schools, Masons and other organization's making donations. We also raise money from events, though many of these were curtailed such as the Carol services, Garden party and Quiz night, or became virtual events like the annual Santa Run, Regular individual donors, Easyfunding, local lottery and corporate sponsorship resulted in a healthy income.

Human Resources

We have only 2 part time Support worker staff who also volunteer, we had recruited another support worker but she left after a short while, we have recruited a part time book keeper and our accounts are now prepared by Community 360. After the pandemic we will be looking to expand our support workers, we currently have 5 Trustees who volunteer and take on a variety of roles in Hope House organizes our keen and growing band of volunteers who have taken over roles in fundraising, IT, GDPR, Publicity and Safeguarding.

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Public Benefit

We continue to have a significant impact on our residents and their families, this is reflected in their feedback to us and their willingness to continue being engaged with us after they have moved on. Not only do they continue to engage with us they also support each other. Our residents and ex residents took part in a local community care project 'Manor Community'. But many activities were stopped or severely constrained by the pandemic.

We have established good relations with our neighbours, a number of churches, the local Mosque, schools, other service providers, Police and Braintree District Council.



Tony Britten
Chairman of Trustees
Hope House Essex

Date 20/12/2021

HOPE HOUSE ESSEX

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and Legacies	2	23,007	-	23,007	17,991
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	3	85,079	23,000	108,079	95,895
Other trading activities	4	611	-	611	3,619
Other income		1,300	-	1,300	381
Total incoming resources		109,997	23,000	132,997	117,885
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Charitable activities	5	79,431	18,208	97,639	87,072
Cost of raising funds	6	71	-	71	-
Total resources expended		79,502	18,208	97,710	87,072
Net income for the year		30,495	4,792	35,287	30,813
Transfer between funds	11	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Adjustment		-	-	-	(2,132)
Net movement of funds		30,495	4,792	35,287	28,681
Total funds brought forward		230,317	-	230,317	201,636
Total funds carried forward		260,812	4,792	265,604	230,317

The notes on pages 6 - 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	494,000	494,000
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		72,865	44,350
		<u>72,865</u>	<u>44,350</u>
Debtors	7	<u>2,089</u>	<u>890</u>
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>18,899</u>	<u>14,553</u>
Total current assets less current liabilities		56,055	30,687
Total assets less current liabilities		547,965	523,797
Long Term Liabilities			
Amounts falling due after one year	9	284,451	294,369
Total net assets		<u><u>265,604</u></u>	<u><u>230,317</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	10	4,792	-
Unrestricted funds	10	260,812	230,317
Total funds		<u><u>265,604</u></u>	<u><u>230,317</u></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed


Anthony Britten

Date

20/12/2020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of accounting

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

Cash flow statements

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1

1.2 Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. These include the general and designated funds.
- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, which is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost, including initial transfer-in-value, less accumulated depreciation. The cost of minor additions is not capitalised, neither are property refurbishment costs.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Donations & legacies	23,007	-	23,007	17,991
	<u>23,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,007</u>	<u>17,991</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Grant income	31,429	23,000	54,429	51,378
Lettings income	53,650	-	53,650	44,517
	<u>85,079</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>108,079</u>	<u>95,895</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fundraising events	611	-	611	3,619
	<u>611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>611</u>	<u>3,619</u>

5 Resources expended: charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Employee costs	29,331	17,100	46,431	31,784
Mortgage interest	12,541	-	12,541	11,566
Rates	3,515	-	3,515	-
Refurbishments	7,376	-	7,376	752
Acquisition expenses	-	-	-	8,006
Storage Fees	1,990	-	1,990	-
Equipment	-	-	-	6,829
Food	8,876	120	8,996	6,171
Client support costs	1,508	138	1,646	5,399
Utilities	6,395	-	6,395	6,979
Insurance	1,627	-	1,627	1,492
Postage, stationery & telephone	1,227	282	1,509	912
Other admin expenses	1,417	111	1,528	2,153
Sundry	325	-	325	-
Travel and parking	2,346	457	2,803	4,539
Legal & Professional Fees	958	-	958	-
	<u>79,431</u>	<u>18,208</u>	<u>97,639</u>	<u>86,582</u>

6 Resources expended: cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
PR & fundraising expenses	71	-	71	491
	<u>71</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>491</u>

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6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Building £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1 April 2020	494,000	494,000
Additions	-	-
As at 31 March 2021	<u>494,000</u>	<u>494,000</u>
Depreciation		
As at 1 April 2020	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2021	<u>494,000</u>	<u>494,000</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>494,000</u>	<u>494,000</u>

7 Debtors

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Debtors	687	-
Prepayments	1,402	890
	<u>2,089</u>	<u>890</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Accruals	1,081	423
Trade Creditors	688	-
Deferred income	3,000	-
Other Creditors	14,130	14,130
	<u>18,899</u>	<u>14,553</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other Creditors	<u>284,451</u>	<u>294,369</u>

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10 Fund balances

<u>Movement in funds</u>	At 01/04/20 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31/03/21 £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Community Fund	-	15,000	(10,208)	-	4,792
Charles French	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Hilden Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>(18,208)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,792</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	230,317	63,916	(45,507)	-	248,726
Housing Benefit	-	46,081	(33,995)	-	12,086
	<u>230,317</u>	<u>109,997</u>	<u>(79,502)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,812</u>
Total funds	<u>230,317</u>	<u>132,997</u>	<u>(97,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265,604</u>

The Restricted Funds as reported, are those funds that the trustees may only spend on particular purposes of the charity.

11 Transfer between funds

The transfer between funds in 2020 relates to £80,000 worth of monies received for the purchase of a property to further the charitable activities. The grants were fully spent in this financial year to complete the purchase of 45 Manor Street, Braintree therefore they were transferred to unrestricted to clear the restricted funds spent.

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12 Previous Year Statement of Activity

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Donations and Legacies		17,991	-	17,991
Charitable activities				
Activities for generating funds		60,895	35,000	95,895
Other trading activities		3,619	-	3,619
Other income		381	-	381
Total incoming resources		82,886	35,000	117,885
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds:				
Charitable activities		82,072	5,000	87,072
Total resources expended		82,072	5,000	87,072
Net income for the year		814	30,000	30,813
Transfer between funds		80,000	(80,000)	-
Prior Year Adjustment		(2,132)	-	(2,132)
Total funds brought forward		151,636	50,000	201,636
Total funds carried forward		230,317	-	230,317

13 Prior Year Adjustment

An adjustment was made in the last financial period in relation to items in 2019 in order to correct fund balances.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of Hope House Essex for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages four to ten.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 21.12.2021

