HOPE COVENTRY

England & Wales · Charity number 1155912

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-02-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN APPENDIX 1 IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY:A) PROCLAIMING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELISTIC AND TEACHING NATURE IN COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE AND BEYONDB)DEMONSTRATING, PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING CHRISTIAN VALUES, INCLUDING DIGNITY, EMPOWERMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TO ALL PEOPLE IN COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE AND BEYOND 2) TO RELIEVE POVERTY, NEED AND SICKNESS IN COVENTRY AND ELSEWHERE AS THE TRUSTEES DECIDE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL ACTION, WORKING WITH THOSE AFFECTED EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH RELEVANT RELIEF AGENCIES.

Activities: The Charity's principal activities are : Providing a befriending service and extended support for isolated older people. Operating a debt counselling service. Supporting the unemployed and homeless. Offering prayer for healing, hospitality and welcome in the city centre. Organising family activities in the city centre.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Coventry City
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£243,169	£277,691	-	-
2024-12-31	£295,050	£248,793	-	-
2023-12-31	£194,805	£218,399	-	-
2022-12-31	£253,752	£246,210	-	-
2021-12-31	£273,484	£237,454	-	-
2020-12-31	£270,400	£270,248	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW GEORGE HILLIER		2014-01-10
ANDREW SIMPKINS		2017-06-26
ANGUS STEWART ORMES		2014-01-10
Adele Harris		2021-09-16
Daniel Mouteu Tchokoteu		2025-01-22
ENIIWAJU ETOMI		2014-01-10
Esther Storey		2014-07-09
John Scouller		2020-01-09
Rev Jonathan Mark Maynard		2022-11-17

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Accounts

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and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2025

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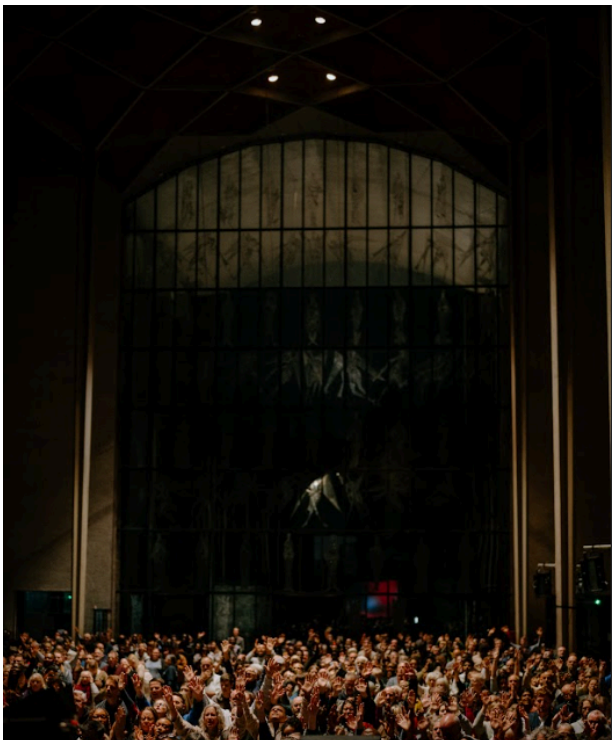
Building partnerships • Speaking out • Giving hope



Our purpose: to enable churches together to transform our city with the love and power of Jesus Christ

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Legal & Administrative

Charity Name	HOPE Coventry CIO
Registered Charity Number	1155912
Registered Office	The Halo Centre, Progress Way, Binley Industrial Estate, Coventry, CV3 2NT
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Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Our Objectives and Activities

AIMS

HOPE Coventry's aims and objectives are primarily to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Charity's Statement of Faith, in particular

but not exclusively, by:

a) proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

b) demonstrating, promoting and encouraging Christian values including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all people in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

It also aims to relieve poverty, need and sickness in Coventry and elsewhere as the trustees decide, through the provision of education and practical action, working with those affected either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principle activities

The Charity's principal activities are:

- Operating a befriending service and support groups for vulnerable and isolated older people (Good Neighbours Coventry).
- Operating Coventry Debt Centre (a branch of CAP: Christians Against Poverty.)
- Providing prayer and a listening ear in the city (HOTS) for anyone who wants it, including for healing and life circumstances.

Our Objectives and Activities (continued)

● Providing local church and charity leaders with connection opportunities, including through hosting twice-yearly conferences (HOPE Leaders' Gathering), Regional Leaders' Prayer Gatherings, the Great Gospel Giveaway and City Praise & Prayer events.

● Providing high-quality fortnightly newsletters and regular social media posts with information about churches' and Christian organisations' work in the city and beyond.

● Connecting members of the public, professionals, local & national organisations through specialist signposting, e.g. to sources of food, social groups, niche funding options, and ways to volunteer.

● Offering free training to the general public, volunteers, and other local charities & organisations.

● Providing Christian youth leaders and young people with regular networking opportunities (quarterly), facilitating training, prayer and joint events (such as Youth City Praise and Prayer, Coventry Youth Conference, and facilitating the Coventry No More Knives tour).

Main Activities of the Charity During the Year

The charity continued to sustain its commitments and respond to societal needs in the city. We are located at The Halo Centre, a charity hub including Coventry Foodbank, Feed the Hungry, Hope into Action: Coventry, Gain UK, and HOPE Coventry.

We have 16 part time staff (7.79 full time equivalent) working across four projects. We have 400+ volunteers from all backgrounds serving 700+ clients from befriending to debt relief, offering prayer, to providing events across the city.

HOPE Coventry has continued to grow throughout 2025. More churches of different types, and broader communities, have become involved in Building Partnerships, Speaking Out, and Giving Hope with us. In this challenging financial, environmental and spiritual climate, the need for each project has grown. More older people are isolated and require friendship; more families are in debt; more youth are struggling with wellbeing; more people need prayer. We are privileged to provide support to those in need, thanks to hundreds of volunteers, grants of all sizes, and church support & prayer.

Please get involved if you feel able to help. office@hopecoventry.org.uk / 07563 902 904

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following churches for supporting us financially this year, including: All Saints Allesley, Coventry Chinese Christian Church, City Church Coventry, CLM, Coventry Elim, Foleshill Baptist Church, Heartbeat Church, Hebron Christian Fellowship, Jubilee Church, Lawrence Saunders Road Baptist Church, Manor Court Baptist Church, Meredith Road Baptist Church, Mosaic Church, NG Church Network, Christ Church Cheylesmore, Quinton Park Baptist Church, Redeemed Christian Church of God, St Barbara's Earlsdon, St. Bartholomew's Binley, St George's Coundon, St James Styevechale, St. James Fletchamstead, St Laurence's Foleshill, St Mary's Walsgrave, the Bridge Benefice, Vineyard Church, Walsgrave Baptist Church, Well of Life.

Thank you to churches who have supported us in-kind with venues or other resourcing, including: St Clare's at the Cathedral, ICC Keresley, St Martin's Finham, Woodside Avenue Methodist Church, St Mark's, St Christopher's Allesley Park, Bethel Church, Mosaic Church, Canley Community Church, and Queens Road Baptist Church.

Thank you also to all the individuals who have supported us directly, organised fundraisers, and contributed to our crowdfunding campaigns.

HOPE Coventry Newsletter

Our fortnightly newsletter, aimed at the general public, has 1453 subscribers, many of whom send the newsletter on to wider contacts. Each edition usually has around 30 different stories, with the aim that at least one item will be relevant and actionable for everyone who subscribes. We advertise local church & charity vacancies and volunteer opportunities at no cost, and share details of a broad variety of free local & online training courses. We share uplifting case studies, encourage use of free resources, and publicise nearby social, cultural & support events.

"It sounds a bit sad, but receiving the HOPE Coventry newsletter is genuinely one of the highlights of my month!" - subscriber comment at an event

In addition to the main fortnightly newsletter, we have a church & local organisation leaders' newsletter (for 238 subscribers) sent out monthly. This enables us to offer targeted support to local leaders, such as signposting to legislation around venue security for religious buildings, or invitations to leaders-only events.

We also have an active youth leaders' newsletter, informing 86 local youth leaders about support available to them and their young people.

Partnership working

The trustees intend to continue HOPE Coventry's current activities, whilst also seeking further ways and initiatives, in response to partnership with churches, to achieve its aims and objectives. We have worked in partnership with 110+ churches from all denominations in the city, and the following organisations:

Official Affiliates:

- Feed The Hungry
- The Light House Christian Counselling Centre
- Radio Plus
- Embrace
- Street Pastors

Other organisations we have worked with in 2025 include:

- Coventry City Council – Adult Social Care
- NHS – GP Surgeries and Adult Social Prescribers
- Together for Change Coventry & Warwickshire
- Voluntary Action Coventry
- HOPE Together
- Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer
- The Message Trust
- Thrive
- Youth for Christ
- Grub Hubs
- Coventry Foodbank

Main Activities of the Charity During the Year (cont.)

Good Neighbours Coventry

Good Neighbours supported 774 older people directly during 2025 to find friendship, and to be safe & well. We have older people, volunteers, and staff from a wide variety of backgrounds and faiths who come together to serve the city with friendship. We specifically search for befrienders who will meet housebound individuals' requests, such as a Punjabi speaking volunteer, an evening visitor, or a chess-playing volunteer.

We thoroughly assessed 242 older people's needs through 60-90 minute-long 1:1 home visits. 104 older people were introduced to a new trained, bespokely-chosen volunteer, and around 350 older people receive monitored befriending support in any given month . We continued to run 5 groups ourselves (two for people living with memory loss and their carers; three for older men struggling with their mental health). Our printed Activity Guides (signposting older people to 680+ local social & support groups) were also distributed to over 7000 people.

152 people attended Good Neighbours initial volunteer training over 54 sessions in 2025, at a wide variety of in-person training sessions, as well as on Zoom webinar sessions. Sessions were provided on weekdays and weekends, daytimes and evenings.

Highlights of the year included:

- Harvest afternoon tea (bringing together housebound older people & their befrienders, our group members, and older members of the public for food, connection, signposting, and an adapted exercise class)
- Growth in attendance at our men's groups
- Many new volunteers, both for admin support and befriending

In September 2025, we launched the newly publicly searchable Activity Guides database (hopecoventry.short.gy/activities) with an accompanying instructions sheet (hopecoventry.short.gy/activitiesuserguide) for those who are less tech literate. This enables social workers, occupational therapists, social prescribers, families and individuals to find particularly niche social groups for over 50s in a couple of clicks. Over 1000 groups have now been mapped with accurate contact details, prices & times, with 680 groups still active.

'The best part of the job is seeing an older person and a volunteer really connecting at an introduction' Good Neighbours coordinator

"When Hardeep (90, disabled & housebound) heard I was going to an event to talk about Good Neighbours befriending, he became lyrical and wanted me to convey his thoughts. No-one who was not housebound, he claimed, could understand how much it meant to have a befriender drop in for a lengthy chat each week. Further than that, he identified the Good Neighbours team's incredible skill in matching two people who would 'click' so well. I completely endorse his comments." - Hardeep's Good Neighbours befriender volunteer*

Our Memory Lane group activities fulfil physical, mental, emotional and social needs, from chair aerobics to exercise the body but also jogging memories through music, to carer support slots.

"I've been part of this special group for just over 12 months and whenever or whatever activity we do - arty, musical, quizzes, mini golf - you definitely see a difference and feel an upbeat atmosphere."
Memory Lane attendee

Photo: Memory Lane & befriending participants enjoying physical games at our Christmas party, December 2025

Grants and Funding for Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbours project has received significant funding from Coventry City Council since 2016 as the main contributory funder. During 2025, Good Neighbours received grant continuations from Coventry Council as they were unable to run their tendering process due to discussions with the ICB. The continued support of the council during this time has been invaluable to continuing the project. At the end of December 2025, Good Neighbours were delighted to receive a grant from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund of £80,000 a year for 4 years. We are so thankful to them for the grant, and for offering support and constructive feedback during the grant application process, they have been great to work with. We also received £10,000 from Coventry Building Society to support our work in the CV6 area. Good Neighbours received small grants to publicise the benefits of vaccinations and cancer screenings for older people, as well as accessing Talking Therapies. We received a contribution to support our men's work from Birmingham Church of England Diocese, and Coventry Solihull and Warwickshire Fund. Small grants from Bentley and Sports England have supported our Memory Lane Cafes. We are also grateful for contributions from Cole Charitable Trust, Sainsburys, Baron Davenport's Charitable Trust, and 29th May 1961 Fund.

Many churches also make in-kind contributions to Good Neighbours, and advertise our volunteering opportunities, and have members who take on befriending roles. Churches on their own would not be able to support the clients with the level of vulnerable Good Neighbours is regularly able to help, by working together we can reduce loneliness and isolation across Coventry.

We produce detailed quarterly monitoring reports for the Good Neighbours Coventry project, highlighting growth, challenges, new ways of working, testimonials, impact statistics, and how our work aligns with proven research and health initiatives. Please contact the team if you would like to read any of these funder reports.

Main Activities of the Charity During the Year (cont.)

Christians Against Poverty Coventry

This year, our Christians Against Poverty team have supported 39 regular clients (households) across Coventry, and met with an additional 146 clients through drop-ins at Foodbanks & community centres. Most of these 146 clients have been as part of a trial pilot project we have led with CAP's head office in Bradford. This trial is proving very rewarding, as we seek to explore ways to serve some clients more quickly and efficiently to meet their specific needs.

The trial has meant the CAP team could meet people at drop-ins or via other referrers (such as social prescribers and family hubs) who wouldn't normally connect with CAP. For example, many people are too nervous to call the central helpline, or they simply have no idea CAP's help exists. Meeting these people at a neutral venue or via an intermediary means we can connect more simply. The trial has also enabled us to support people whose debts are small, or who are simply in danger of falling into debt without support (due to lack of budgeting skills and/or not accessing all funds they are entitled to). This pilot has prevented debts from escalating into serious issues.

Gerald* had been struggling with debt for years, particularly after suffering a stroke which left him with ongoing memory difficulties. Since meeting him, we've helped him set up payments for all his bills and contacted his creditors on his behalf. With additional support around his complex health needs, he has also received help with his council tax debt. Gerald now has clarity, peace of mind, and a clear plan in place to move towards becoming debt free.

Jane* was referred to us by a friend who had worked with CAP. Her finances were out of control, and she was not paying any bills. She had bailiffs at her door and she was petrified. We helped her apply for benefits that she was entitled to, set up payments for her ongoing bills and we supported her through the process of applying for a Debt Relief Order. Jane is now debt free! She said it feels like a weight has been lifted and she is now in control of her finances.

The CAP Coventry project received a grant from Skipton Building Society to support the Debt Centre in 2025. With a projected deficit for 2026, we will be focusing on fundraising in the coming months. We are thankful to all the churches and individuals who support us. This makes the CAP Debt Centre in Coventry unique, it is a genuine city wide church endeavour, rather than being based at a single church and we would not be able to provide the service we do without the support of churches around the city, by working together we can offer expert support to those in need.

Youth City Praise and Prayer

Youth City Praise and Prayer (launched in 2024 at the request of local young people) has continued to grow and impact young people in Coventry in 2025. Two events were held in 2025, with approximately 450 young people attending each.

Youth City Praise and Prayer offers an opportunity for Christian young people across Coventry to gather together to connect with one another, worship together and pray in unity. Young people are excited about the opportunity to worship collectively with other churches, to hear what God is saying to them, and to step out and live boldly as young Christians in this generation.

Youth City Praise and Prayer is designed to strengthen and support the wonderful youth work already taking place across Coventry. Youth Leaders have been incredibly positive about Youth City Praise and Prayer, and its impact on the young people they support.

New church youth groups attended Youth City Praise and Prayer throughout 2025, and we are keen to connect with more through 2026.

Feedback from 2025 Youth City Praise and Prayer events:

"I thought it was absolutely amazing to see young people leading."

- Youth leader (March 2025)

"It was just really fulfilling to feel strong again in God's presence and be filled with his power and security."

- Young person (October 2025)

"It was super fun being able to worship with other young people who truly want a deeper relationship with him. The worship was so amazing and even the worship post session."

- Young person (October 2025)

"My faith has been renewed and I found that there is such joy found in worshipping with others even if you're not close with them or don't know them at all."

- Young person (October 2025)

Youth City Praise and Prayer Worship Collective

In September 2025, together with Youth for Christ and the Diocese of Coventry's Growing Faith project, we launched the Youth City Praise and Prayer Worship Collective. This developing community gives young people aged 16+ with a gift and calling to worship to be encouraged, equipped and strengthened alongside the discipleship they receive from their church.

The collective is a small but growing group of young people sharing their passion and heart for Jesus through music. Members are supported and encouraged by young worship leaders, and when ready, given the opportunity to be part of the worship team at other events - including Youth City Praise and Prayer and Coventry Youth Conference. Individual churches could not offer events on this scale, and be able to engage with as broad a church spectrum but by working together we can offer valuable worship opportunities to young people, who become aware of how many others around the city share their beliefs, something so encouraging for them as they navigate life in school.

Coventry Youth Conference

Coventry Youth Conference launched in 2025, in response to young people and youth leaders seeing an opportunity to be equipped, inspired and commissioned to reach their communities with the Gospel. 200 young people from churches across the city took part in the full day event comprising of worship, hearing from the Bible, and practical training in evangelism.

There has been a significant move of God amongst Gen Z. Young people are eager to know about God, reading the Bible more, and asking questions. Coventry Youth Conference equipped and encouraged young people to be able to share their story with their friends and communities, in faith that God will use them in wonderful ways to bring His Kingdom to Coventry. The event was a blessing to young people and youth leaders alike, with feedback including:

"The whole day was very enjoyable"

- Young person (Feb 2025)
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"It was eye-opening. It was easy to understand everything that they said and it was fast paced. It was good for my brain. I liked the length of the break out groups and that we moved to different rooms."

- Young person (Feb 2025)
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"I thought the seminars were great and well presented and the worship was inspiring. I will be encouraging a larger group of young people to attend next time."

- Youth leader (Feb 2025)

No More Knives Tour

The No More Knives Tour (part of The Message Trust) visited 4 specifically selected Coventry schools in March 2025. In partnership with West Midlands Police, Coventry City Council, Child Friendly Cov, WMCA Violence Reduction Partnership and local churches, the tour visited 4460 young people across Blue Coat School Coventry, West Coventry Academy, Coundon Court School, and Sidney Stringer Academy.

The tour was an incredible success, with **92.09%** young people agreeing or strongly agreeing that the session has been useful (approx 4107 young people), and **93.19%** young people agreeing or strongly agreeing that the session would help them make the right choice to not carry a knife (approx 4156 young people).

The sessions combine factual information, real life testimonies and engaging music to encourage young people to reflect on the dangers and ramifications of carrying a knife. The tour also aims to establish positive relationships between local schools and churches. Local youth leaders are invited to the school sessions to share information about their youth group, and information cards were given out to all young people with a QR code to access our online database of local youth groups.

Healing on The Streets (HOTS)

Healing on the Streets Coventry is a volunteer-led project which continued to have a great impact in 2025, offering a listening ear and prayer for any passers-by facing family challenges, loss, housing needs and more. Many participants reported experiencing peace, encouragement and a renewed sense of hope, with some taking steps towards faith and deeper connection with church. The team meet twice-monthly on Saturday lunchtimes in Coventry city

centre. We connected interested people to local churches by giving out the cards with a QR code link to search.

Across the year, there were over 360 prayer encounters, averaging about 14 prayers per session. One bumper session at May's MotoFest event involved 31 encounters in an hour and a half!

The volunteer team has grown to 18 members, from a wide variety of local churches. We extended the session lengths in October 2025 to respond to the growing need for prayer, enabled by the bigger team.

The HOTS music group was a real feature with up to 6 musicians playing worship music. This really drew people to stop and listen, and resulted in conversations and prayers.

The HOTS Facebook page has continued to publish uplifting stories and testimonials after each session. HOTS is joined by Christians from different churches around the city, allowing those with a heart for this sort of ministry to get involved.

Great Gospel Giveaway

We were privileged to be approached by Bible Society, YWAM, Hope Together and Hope for Every Home to pilot the Great Gospel Giveaway in Coventry. This initiative seeks to resource and empower local churches to place copies of the Gospel of Mark into the hands of people across their neighbourhoods and communities who are open to discovering more about the Bible, Jesus and the Church.

We chose to pilot this initiative in the west of Coventry, working collaboratively with 10 churches in the area. Through these partnerships, around 2,000 copies of the Gospel of Mark have already been given away throughout 2025, with many more still to be distributed. Churches have engaged in a wide variety of approaches, including door knocking, hosting and attending summer events, and simply creating space for meaningful conversations with people passing through church grounds.

We have been greatly encouraged by the stories emerging from this initiative. There have been accounts of healings, answers to prayer, and 23 individuals making decisions to follow Jesus. These testimonies highlight both the openness within our communities and the impact of equipping churches to step out in faith together.

Building on the success of this pilot, we are excited about the opportunity to expand the Great Gospel Giveaway across the whole city in 2026, enabling more churches to participate and more people to encounter the message of Jesus.

City Praise and Prayer

2024 was a year of firsts for City Praise & Prayer, with gatherings taking place in the Cathedral for the first time, and the launch of Regional City Praise & Prayer events across the city. Building on that foundation, 2025 became a year of growth. We returned to the Cathedral in November, where even more people gathered (close to 900) together to lift the name of Jesus high and to pray for and from our city in a powerful and unifying time.

The Regional gatherings (bringing together churches in the North, South, East, West, and Centre of the city) have continued to develop and are now an established and anticipated part of the calendar, with growing expectation and a vision to see them expand further in 2026. This growth has also been evident in our central gatherings. In June 2025, we filled CLM church to capacity, leading us to take an exciting step forward by planning to host the June 2026 City Praise & Prayer event in the Butterworth Hall, with its 1300-seat capacity, creating more space for Christians from denominations across the city to gather in worship and prayer.

Leaders' Gatherings

HOPE Coventry has continued to play a key role in connecting and strengthening relationships between church leaders across the city throughout 2025. Our Leaders' Gatherings in May and October were both very well attended, welcoming between 75–100 leaders from a wide range of churches, charities, and organisations. These gatherings remain a vital space for encouragement, shared vision, and collaboration. They also enable local projects to showcase their work to leaders via information stalls.

In May 2025, we were pleased to present the outcomes of the Church Activity Mapping Project, delivered in partnership with the Local Authority Family Hubs and the Gather Movement. The findings highlighted the significant impact churches are already having across Coventry, as well as identifying clear opportunities for deeper partnership with Family Hubs and other local organisations. This has helped to further shape conversations around how churches can continue to serve and support their communities effectively. We individually interviewed over 90 churches which are delivering more than 926 different services to support their community (on the topics of homelessness, wellbeing, food security, and support for children & families).

Our October 2025 gathering provided an opportunity to celebrate and share updates from across our key projects, including Good Neighbours, CAP, Healing on the Streets, Youth City Praise & Prayer, Coventry Youth Conference, and the Great Gospel Giveaway. It was inspiring to showcase the breadth of work taking place across the city, and particularly encouraging to see the level of partnership between churches, charities, and organisations working together to make a difference.

Regional Leaders' Prayer Gatherings across the five areas of the city (North, South, East, West and Central) have continued to grow, not only in consistency but also in depth. Meeting on average four times a year, these gatherings have seen stronger relationships develop, with leaders increasingly supporting one another through prayer, collaboration, and shared mission. There is a growing sense of unity and momentum, and we are excited to build on this strong foundation in 2026.

Youth leadership connections have also continued to strengthen. Both the Youth City Praise & Prayer and Coventry Youth Conference planning teams now include representatives from 5–7 different churches, reflecting an encouraging increase in partnership. Alongside this, we hosted three Youth Leaders' Gatherings during 2025, creating space for representatives from over 20 churches to connect, share ideas, and support one another. These times together have been highly valued and continue to contribute to a more joined-up and collaborative approach to youth ministry across Coventry.

Structure, Governance and Management

HOPE Coventry became a registered charitable incorporated organisation on the 24th February 2014. Prior to that date, it had operated as an unincorporated voluntary body from 17th November 2013. The assets of this body were transferred to HOPE Coventry on incorporation.

Appointment for trustees

Appointments are made following application, skills assessment and willingness to support the objectives of the charity, and adherence to the statement of faith.

Newly appointed trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document and the latest set of published accounts. Questions regarding the charity's activities, assets or funding can be asked at any time or at trustees' meetings.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic management of HOPE Coventry, the management of its funds, the preparation and management of the budget and for advising and reporting on all HOPE Coventry's operational activities. Only the trustees have the right to vote in the charity's decision-making process.

Trustee remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity (2024 : £nil). Four of the trustees are leaders of churches which, together, have donated £12,725 (2024 : 14,150) to the work of the charity.

Volunteers

The charity is indebted to the many hundreds of volunteers who ensure that the services provided by the charity continue to provide vital services to people across Coventry.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, those relating to operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

1. An annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties the charity faces.
2. The establishment of policies, system and procedures to mitigate the risks identified in the annual review and
3. The implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Safeguarding

HOPE Coventry recognises the importance of safeguarding in its work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We follow the requirements of UK legislation in relation to vulnerable adults, children and young people, and the best practice standards advice of thirtyone:eight, an established charity committed to assisting churches and Christian organisations with safeguarding, with whom we have taken membership. All staff are all required to take safeguarding training on a regular basis.

At HOPE Coventry, we deeply care about the safety and wellbeing of every person connected - whether staff, volunteers, clients, guests or partners. We ensure that our safeguarding policy and procedures are clear, robust and regularly reviewed.

The HOPE Coventry board of trustees reviews the safeguarding policy and procedures annually, while managers ensure that safeguarding features in every 1 to 1 line management conversation and quarterly project meeting. All members of staff and volunteers are safely recruited; completing training, a DBS check and ongoing professional development relating to safeguarding.

The safeguarding team regularly meet to review and act upon any current client concerns, with ongoing referrals being made to relevant organisations including Adult Social Care, the police or other services as necessary. Due to the high level of training and awareness, staff and volunteers are confidently able to identify any safeguarding issues clients are facing and quickly refer to our safeguarding team.

Safeguarding training

All volunteers are required to undertake safeguarding training while representing HOPE Coventry. During 2025, 39 volunteers from across our different projects attended HOPE Coventry safeguarding training over 7 sessions, with more volunteers sending us proof of attending recent equivalent safeguarding training from e.g. workplaces or churches. Overall, attendees reported finding our safeguarding training useful and learnt information highly relevant for their volunteering:

'Very interesting session. Thank you. Enjoyed face to face training, I find that helpful.'

'Thank you for the safeguarding session. I think it is important to share experiences within the group and this was done very well. The content and delivery of the session were excellent.'

'It helped me realise the importance of being a volunteer. That my presence helps the person share concerns that I can pass onto the appropriate persons. The course leader was pleasant, informative and very knowledgeable.'

Fundraising

HOPE Coventry relies on the dedication of its staff to raise funds. They adhere to strict guidelines, to ensure that the donor experience is a clear, fair and unobtrusive experience. Every possible measure is taken to ensure that personal data is stored correctly to comply with current legislation.

Public benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit including the guidance "Public Benefit: Running a Charity (PB2)". The Charity relies on donations and grants to provide services to its beneficiaries.

Financial review

During the period, HOPE Coventry's income amounted to £243,169 (2024: £295,050). Expenses amounted to £277,691 (2024: £248,793) giving rise to a deficit of £34,522 (2024 surplus £46,257).

Reserves policy

The trustees have a policy of not entering into financial commitments without knowing where the funding will come from. In view of that, the aim is to maintain cash reserves equivalent to at least three months expenditure of the general fund, or an estimate of the closure costs (staff redundancy etc.) of the charity, whichever is higher. Where staff are funded by a restricted fund, a similar policy will be adopted for cash held in the restricted fund.

On 31st December 2025, the total funds available were £194,647 (2024 £229,168), of which £79,567 (2024 : £79,792) was unrestricted and £115,080 (2024: £149,376) was restricted. Total funds equate to approximately 8 months of expenditure (2024 : 11 months).

Closing Remarks from Chair of Trustees

It continues to be a great delight to see so many churches truly working together to transform the City of Coventry with the love and power of Jesus Christ.

Alongside our small staff team, many people from churches right across the city have volunteered to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through generous acts of service, love and kindness by delivering the various projects we have highlighted above. I am so grateful that we can work together for the benefit of the city. We deliberately seek for the trustee board to have a mixture of current Coventry church leaders and others from the church community with relevant experience and expertise, and I know they all join me in extending our thanks to all that have worked so tirelessly during the year.

As we continue to operate our projects through 2026 and beyond, I pray that we will be able to extend the partnerships between church communities, speak out for those in the city that we seek to serve and, as our name suggests, bring Hope to all with the love of Jesus Christ.

Andrew Simpkins
Chair of Trustees

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

The law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on the Board's behalf by

Andrew Simpkins, Chair of Trustees.

22nd April 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of HOPE Coventry CIO

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 22-33.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

(1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

– to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

– to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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The Halo Centre, Progress Way
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Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ending 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	23,819	69,639	93,458	128,645
Charitable Activities	4	3,277	142,303	145,580	160,753
Income from investments	5	4,131	-	4,131	4,014
Other income	6	-	-	-	1,637
Total income		**31,227**	**211,942**	**243,169**	**295,050**
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	7	3,856	1,330	5,186	4,707
Charitable Activities					
Support costs for charitable activities	8	57,915	208,866	266,781	238,209
Other costs	9	3,671	2,053	5,724	5,877
Total expenditure		**65,442**	**212,249**	**277,691**	**248,793**
Excess of income over expenditure		**(34,215)**	**(307)**	**(34,522)**	**46,257**
Transfer between funds	16	33,990	(33,990)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(225)**	**(34,296)**	**(34,522)**	**46,257**
Total fund brought forward	**16**	**79,792**	**149,376**	**229,168**	**182,911**
Total funds carried forward	**16**	**79,567**	**115,080**	**194,647**	**229,168**

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

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	11		-		-
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		192,762		226,271	
Debtors	12	5,266		6,697	
Total Current Assets			**198,028**		**232,968**
Current Liabilities falling due <1 year	13		(3,381)		(3,799)
Net Current Assets			**194,647**		**229,168**
Net Assets			**194,647**		**229,168**
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	16		79,567		79,792
Restricted Funds	16		115,080		149,376
Total Funds			**194,647**		**229,168**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 22nd of April 2026.

Andrew Simpkins
Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1: Statutory Information

HOPE Coventry is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found on Page 3.

2: Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

2: Accounting Policies - continued

Government Grants

Government grants received are recognised at the point of receipt. Government grants are shown separately.

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computers 20%

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

2: Accounting Policies - continued

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure and consider this sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

3 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	24,157	64,036	88,193	121,948
Tax recovered on giving	(338)	5,604	5,266	6,697
	23,819	**69,639**	**93,458**	**128,645**

4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants : Provision of Aid	3,277	45,306	48,583	64,756
Local Government Grants : Provision of Aid	-	96,997	96,997	95,997
	3,277	**142,303**	**145,580**	**160,753**

5 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank / Deposit Interest	**4,131**	**-**	**4,131**	**4,014**

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Other Income	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,637**

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising publicity	-	1,330	1,330	427
Fundraising consultancy	3,856	-	3,856	4,280
	3,856	**1,330**	**5,186**	**4,707**

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

8 Expenditure on Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Salary Costs	44,447	181,558	226,005	195,120
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	-	396
CAP Fees	-	6,900	6,900	6,000
Consultancy Fees	-	-	-	50
Printing, postage and stationery	1,050	936	1,986	1,804
Telephone and computer charges	967	1,042	2,009	2,056
Ministry expenses	890	460	1,350	865
Insurance	1,177	335	1,512	1,229
Rent and rates	6,930	-	6,930	8,900
Repairs and maintenance	-	125	125	204
CAP Client Small Grants	-	4,348	4,348	958
Equipment Hire	-	2,027	2,027	-
Room Hire	383	4,280	4,663	3,898
Small value equipment	957	734	1,691	561
Refreshments	925	1,266	2,191	1,946
Celebration	-	-	-	3,136
Conferences	-	-	-	3,141
Travelling and subsistence	9	3,339	3,348	3,769
Donations	-	325	325	2,750
Sundry Expenses	178	1,192	1,370	1,427
	57,915	**208,866**	**266,781**	**238,209**

9 Other Costs	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Legal and professional fees	-	1,959	1,959	2,178
Independent Examination	540	-	540	400
Accountancy and bookkeeping	3,089	-	3,089	3,170
Bank charges	42	94	136	129
	3,671	**2,053**	**5,724**	**5,877**

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

10 Staff Costs	2025 £	2024 £
Salary	216,274	187,060
Employers NI	8,029	4,078
SMP	(2,546)	-
Employers Pension	4,247	3,982
Total Staff Costs	**226,005**	**195,120**

The average monthly number of employees during the year were :

	2025	2024
Management and Administration	**16**	**16**

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

11 Tangible Fixed Assets	Computers £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1st January 2025	1,509	1,509
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
As at 31st December 2025	1,509	1,509
Depreciation		
As at 1st January 2025	1,509	1,509
Charge for the year	-	-
As at 31st December 2025	1,509	1,509
Net Book Value		
As at 1st January 2025	-	-
As at 31st December 2025	-	-

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

12 Debtors	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	5,266	6,697
	5,266	**6,697**

13 Creditors	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade creditors	41	-
Social security and other taxes	1,001	2,186
Other Creditors	1,679	883
Accruals and deferred income	660	730
	3,381	**3,799**

14Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit from the charity. No trustee was reimbursed expenses from the charity.

15 Related Party Disclosures

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity (2024 : £nil). Four of the trustees are leaders of churches which, together, have donated £ 12,145 (2024 : £14,150) to the work of the charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

16 Movement of Funds

	Balance as at 01/01/2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 31/12/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Christians Against Poverty	61,265	49,112	(63,594)	(5,056)	41,728
City Praise and Prayer	2,044	4,568	(5,046)	(94)	1,471
Good Neighbours	84,944	150,557	(142,923)	(28,696)	63,882
Healing on the Streets	856	145	(270)	(6)	725
City Praise and Prayer	-	7,123	(91)	-	7,033
Open Heaven	246	-	-	(6)	240
Coventry Prayer House	20	437	(325)	(132)	-
Total Restricted Funds	**149,376**	**211,942**	**(212,249)**	**(33,990)**	**115,079**
Unrestricted Funds	**79,792**	**31,227**	**(65,442)**	**33,990**	**79,567**
Total Funds	**229,168**	**243,169**	**(277,691)**	-	**194,646**

	Balance as at 01/01/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Christians Against Poverty	30,195	79,416	(43,833)	(4,512)	61,265
City Praise and Prayer	4,076	1,177	(3,136)	(74)	2,044
Good Neighbours	87,918	165,013	(140,201)	(27,785)	84,944
Healing on the Streets	563	500	(200)	(7)	856
Hope into Work	746	-	-	(746)	-
Motofest	786	703	(1,858)	369	-
Open Heaven	450	-	(204)	-	246
Coventry Prayer House	210	5,504	(5,539)	(155)	20
Total Restricted Funds	**124,944**	**252,313**	**(194,970)**	**(32,910)**	**149,376**
Unrestricted Funds	**57,967**	**42,737**	**(53,822)**	**32,910**	**79,792**
Total Funds	**182,911**	**295,050**	**(248,793)**	-	**229,168**

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

16: Movement of Funds (cont.) : Description of Funds

- Christians Against Poverty : Debt counselling service
- City Praise and Prayer : Twice yearly gathering of the churches in Coventry
- Good Neighbours : A befriending and support service for vulnerable isolated older people in Coventry
- Healing on the Streets : Prayer ministry in Coventry city centre
- Hope into Work : Back to work support.
- Motofest : Support for the Coventry Motofest event.
- City Praise and Prayer Youth : A ministry that encourages and focuses on developing Prayer and Praise amongst Gen. Z and others.
- Open Heaven : Funds remaining from praying every street in Coventry
- Coventry Prayer House : Prayer house based in the city centre

17 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31st December are represented by :				
Current Assets/(Liabilities)	79,567	115,080	194,647	229,168

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

18 : Statement of Financial Activities (Prior Year)

(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ending 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	31,794	96,851	128,645	86,231
Charitable Activities	4	6,928	153,825	160,753	107,351
Income from investments	5	4,014	-	4,014	1,223
Other income	6	-	1,637	1,637	-
Total income		**42,737**	**252,313**	**295,050**	**194,805**
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	7	4,515	192	4,707	954
Charitable Activities					
Support costs for charitable activities	8	45,641	192,568	238,209	211,590
Other costs	9	3,667	2,211	5,877	5,855
Total expenditure		**53,822**	**194,970**	**248,793**	**218,399**
Excess of income over expenditure		**(11,085)**	**57,342**	**46,257**	**(23,594)**
Transfer between funds	16	32,910	(32,910)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**21,825**	**24,432**	**46,257**	**(23,594)**
Total fund brought forward	**16**	**57,967**	**124,944**	**182,911**	**206,505**
Total funds carried forward	**16**	**79,792**	**149,376**	**229,168**	**182,911**

HOPE COVENTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1155912

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2024

HOPE Coventry

Building partnerships • Speaking out • Giving hope

Our purpose: to enable churches together to transform our city with the love and power of Jesus Christ

Charity registered in England & Wales charity nr. 1155912

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Legal & Administrative

Charity Name	Hope Coventry CIO
Registered Charity Number	1155912
Registered Office	The Halo Centre, Progress Way, Binley Industrial Estate, Coventry, CV3 2NT
Trustees	Esther Storey (Chair) Andrew Hillier Pastor Eniiwaju Etomi Mr Angus Ormes Mr Andrew Simpkins (Vice Chair) Mr John Scouller Mrs Adele Harris Rev Jonathan Maynard Mr Daniel Tchokoteu (appt. 22/1/2025)
Bankers	Lloyds Bank High Street Coventry
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Trustees' Annual Report

Introduction

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Our Objectives and Activities

AIMS

HOPE Coventry's aims and objectives are primarily to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Charity's Statement of Faith, in particular but not exclusively, by:

a) proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature in

Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

b) demonstrating, promoting and encouraging Christian values including dignity,

empowerment and partnership to all people in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

It also aims to relieve poverty, need and sickness in Coventry and elsewhere as the trustees decide, through the provision of education and practical action, working with those affected either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principle activities

The Charity's principal activities are:

- Operating a befriending service and support groups for vulnerable and isolated older people (Good Neighbours Coventry).
- Operating Coventry Debt Centre (a branch of CAP: Christians Against Poverty.)
- Overseeing the Coventry Prayer House and supporting prayer initiatives in the city, like the formation of Regional Prayer Gatherings, and support of Regional City Praise and Prayer / City Praise and Prayer
- Providing prayer in the city centre (HOTS) for anyone who wants it, including for healing and life circumstances.

- Organising activities as an expression of church in the city during the Motofest Festival in Coventry (HOPE@MotoFest).
- Providing local church and charity leaders with connection opportunities, including through hosting twice-yearly conferences (HOPE Leaders' Gathering)
- Providing high-quality fortnightly newsletters and regular social media posts with information about churches and Christian organisations' work in the city and beyond.
- Connecting members of the public, professionals, local and national organisations through specialist signposting, e.g. to sources of food, social groups, niche funding options, and ways to volunteer.
- Offering free training to individuals and local charities.
- Providing Christian youth leaders with regular networking opportunities (quarterly), with a view to facilitating training, prayer and joint events (such as Youth City Praise and Prayer).

Main Activities of the Charity During The Year

The charity continued to sustain its commitments and respond to societal needs in the city. We are located at "The Halo Centre", a charity hub including Coventry Foodbank, Feed the Hungry, Hope into Action and HOPE Coventry. **We have 16 part time staff working across four projects; There are 400+ volunteers serving 700+ clients from befriending to debt relief, offering prayer, to providing events across the city.**

HOPE Coventry has continued to grow throughout 2024. More churches of different types, and broader communities, have become involved in Building Partnerships, Speaking Out, and Giving Hope with us. In this challenging financial, environmental and spiritual climate, the need within each project has grown. More older people are appearing isolated (over 670 in the year); more families are in debt; more youth are struggling with wellbeing; more people need prayer. We are privileged to provide support to those in need, thanks to hundreds of volunteers, grants of all sizes, and church support & prayer. Please get involved if you feel able to do so. office@hopecoventry.org.uk / 07563 902 904

10th Anniversary

A highlight of this year was celebrating our 10th Anniversary. Over 120 staff, volunteers and guests gathered in the city centre to celebrate what we had achieved, and pray and plan for the future. It was a moving reflection of all the amazing work facilitated over the past decade, and offered opportunities to dream about HOPE Coventry's next decade. This included the potential of HOPE Hubs - theme-based groups addressing possible unmet social needs in the city e.g. mental health and wellbeing, homelessness etc...

"I've never known two and a half hours go so quickly! Every aspect of it was fabulous. I particularly liked the videos that HOPE Coventry had prepared about its activities, and the eclectic gatherings [of volunteers, local & church leaders, clients, referrers] at the tables made for interesting and stimulating conversation"- attendee

West Midlands Deputy Lieutenant Pauline Black OBE joined us in thanking volunteers for their contributions to the city over the last 10 years via certificates of achievement.

Good Neighbours Coventry

Good Neighbours continues to make bespoke 1:1 befriending matches between isolated older people, and carefully recruit and train volunteers. The project received 378 new referrals in 2024, and had an additional ~300 existing clients we actively supported at any point through the year.

We continued our Memory Lane groups successfully at two locations; these are highly valued by people living with dementia and their carers. Our two men's groups from previous years have continued at their previous two locations. Additionally, we helped to launch a new group in Tile Hill (since handed over to local church management), and in autumn, began a new and growing group in Foleshill (a deprived and diverse part of the city).

We continued to provide additional specialised training for volunteers, staff, members of the public other charities, and professionals. A particular highlight was our "Everything over 60s should know - signposting for older people" training session. We attended numerous community events including those run by the Dementia Hub, the Carers' Trust,

Coventry Cathedral and the Tile Hill community. We held several volunteer and older people meetups, to foster a sense of belonging, especially for older people who are typically housebound.

We formed partnerships with #Covconnects and the National Databank to reduce digital exclusion, and Talking Therapies to improve isolated older people's access to mental health services.

In addition to grant funding applications, we involved our clients and volunteers in the charity's 10th Anniversary celebrations, and raised funds through a community coffee morning, sponsored walks and runs.

Friendships for older people

Rachel, CV6 Coordinator for Good Neighbours Coventry, said:

"A rewarding moment this year was when a nervous client who loves chess was matched with a volunteer who shares that interest. They get along really well, and when I've called for updates. Nigel's wife has been full of praise for the positive change the social interaction has made. Nigel & Pawel* are now considering joining a chess club together"*

Shaun, CV2 Coordinator for Good Neighbours Coventry, said:

"The highlight of my year was introducing Winnie to our befriender, Sorya. Winnie had been spending most days alone in her front room, watching the world pass by. Everything changed overnight once she met Sorya. Now, Winnie has a friend who visits her weekly, spending quality time together and going on trips and adventures. Sorya's children have also started joining these visits, and everyone cherishes the time they spend together. It's truly a joy to see the transformation in Winnie's life"

Jess, Good Neighbours Coventry Project Manager, said:

"An emotional highlight at our Christmas afternoon tea event was the first in-person meeting of a befriender and older person who have been weekly telephone friends for 4 years. Nancy is visually and hearing impaired, has dementia, and is very frail. Her volunteer Parminder* is physically disabled herself, and felt isolated after retiring. We were able to transport Nancy and Parminder to the afternoon tea. They were thrilled to finally meet face to face with a hug, exchanging gifts, taking photos together to remember the occasion. It was moving to see how Parminder gently supported Nancy throughout the event - a testimony to the long- distance trust they had built up."*

Carol, Memory Lane Coordinator, said:

"Volunteers from all backgrounds are a valued part of Good Neighbours. Neil is an older man who has physical disabilities and significant lifelong mental health challenges, meaning that he has been isolated and struggled to make friends.*

As well as now attending one of our Men's Groups, Neil is a valued long-standing volunteer at a Memory Lane group. He enjoys feeling useful and contributing to helping others. Neil has made friends with other volunteers at the group, who phone him every week to see how he is, even when he is in hospital."

*Names have to changed to protect anonymity

Christians Against Poverty –

This year Christians Against Poverty have supported 51 regular clients and met an additional 193 families through drop in centres. Assuming an average of two people per family, that is around 500 people.

Case Studies

Ian, Christians Against Poverty Coventry Manager, said:

"Cuthbert had been struggling to support three elderly relatives and had not made time for himself, drifting into debt. When we met him at a Foodbank, he was in tears about a bailiff "threatening'' his door. We sat and chatted, then made just one call to the bailiff, who was actually understanding and accepted a much-reduced monthly payment, which we had worked out that Cuthbert could afford.*

We've since put a few other things in place for him, and he is also looking to re-engage at his church." "Ken came to one of our drop ins at a local foodbank and we got chatting about his debt and inability to budget. He acknowledged he just spends money when it is in his account and doesn't plan ahead. He was keen to get all his regular payments (rent, council tax etc) paid on the day his Universal Credit was paid. We helped him make phone calls to do that and then applied for support in paying his water bill. Alongside putting a budget together, we looked at 2 debts with bailiffs that were causing him much anxiety. We phoned them both and made arrangements for a token payment on one, and breathing space of a month on the other. This gave him space until an Advance loan was completed with Universal Credit. This took 3 visits with Ken but after each, his anxiety was clearly reduced. We continue to keep an eye on him."*

*Names have been changed to protect anonymity

Coventry House of Prayer

Following much prayer and consideration, from 30th September 2024, Coventry House of Prayer ceased to be a project of HOPE Coventry and became an independent organisation. The team felt called towards becoming aligned with the Local House of Prayer movement, having greater connection and involvement with the Houses of Prayer national and international initiatives. The process and discussions were really positive. HOPE Coventry and CHoP remain in good working relationship with each other, as we all seek to see the city transformed with the love and grace of Jesus.

Healing on The Streets –

The Healing on The Streets team have had over 270 prayer encounters this year and countless more conversations and connections. These have included physical healings such as severe pain completely going after prayer and people making a decision to follow Jesus for the first time.

Jo from Healing on the Streets said:

"It was a record-breaking final session of 2024 with 17 prayer encounters in the city centre!"

Examples from prayer reports:

- *A young lady said she had a headache. We prayed for healing and for peace to flow from her head to her toes. She was very grateful and said with surprise that her headache had gone*
- *A lady who has been for prayer before returned for prayer for her granddaughter and her own health. She reminded the team of the times the teams prayers had been answered before, in some quite amazing ways, and everyone was left encouraged and uplifted*
- *A young lady received prayer for a job following the completion of her studies. She told another team member she felt lonely and they were able to sit and talk together for some time, which encouraged her"*

From one session in October:

- *A lady with arthritic pain in her knees and back was overjoyed to report that her pain level went from 10 (worst) down to 3 following prayer*
- *A second lady also with arthritis experienced the pain go from 10 to COMPLETELY gone!*
- *A third lady with arthritis that is getting worse recently reported no change after prayer but said she wouldn't really know until she walked a bit. Full of faith, the team member offered to walk a while with her to find out, which she agreed to but it was clear from her face she wasn't expecting any change. However, to her amazement she said it had much improved, saying to the team member "how did you do that?". She explained of course it was not us but God!*

Safeguarding Training

Throughout 2024 we have delivered a comprehensive programme of safeguarding training to volunteers across all of our projects. The training is a comprehensive overview of relevant safeguarding issues for volunteering scenarios, followed by a short quiz to ensure information has been understood and retained.

17 safeguarding training sessions were provided in 2024, covering a range of times and locations. Feedback from the training has been extremely positive:

"succinct, and full of helpful practical and factual references"

"Delivered really well, everything was explained clearly and precisely"

"I found the session to be extremely beneficial and enlightening"

City Praise & Prayer

2024 brought a number of firsts for City Praise and Prayer. As well as our usual gathering in June on Grey Friars Green, where 100's of people from churches across the city gathered for prayer and worship, we also had a City Praise and Prayer gathering for the first time in Coventry Cathedral in September. This saw over 750 fill the space for what was a significant and inspiring time. Another first was the launch of Regional City Praise and Prayer gatherings that saw 100's of people come together in localised areas in the North East, South and West of the city.

Youth praise and prayer

Youth City Praise and Prayer is a city wide initiative that brings together young people from churches all across Coventry to connect, worship and pray. Youth City Praise and prayer launched in April 2024, with the first event being attended by over 350 young people and 100 youth leaders. The second event, held in September 2024 saw over 400 young people in attendance!

Youth City Praise and Prayer is a partnership between HOPE Coventry, Youth for Christ and local churches. Young people have always been at the forefront of the planning, decision making and organisation as well as visibly leading and sharing at the events.

Youth City Praise and Prayer is an opportunity for young people to meet other young Christians from Coventry, connect and share their experience as well as encourage and pray for each other.

Feedback from Youth City Praise and Prayer events in 2024 include:

"It made me feel safe"

"Loved seeing people from different churches that are my age worshiping and celebrating Jesus. It feels me with confidence and faith knowing that I am not alone in my struggles and achievements!"

"It reminded me that I'm not alone in being a Christian and that others share my faith"

"[I like] The community and knowing that I'm not alone"

"Life changing"

Leaders Gatherings

HOPE Coventry is instrumental in connecting church leaders across Coventry. This enables them to encourage and support each other, pray for one another and also consider jointly how churches can serve and bless the city.

Our leaders gathering in May 2024 was attended by over 80 people from local churches and organisations. This event had a focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing - considering how churches can support both their congregations and communities across Coventry with the growing issue of poor mental health and emotional wellbeing.

We were joined by a local GP with a specialist focus on mental health, local charities and organisations supporting people with their mental health and our own Good Neighbours team shared about the important men's work taking place.

The leaders' gathering led to further conversations around supporting people's emotional wellbeing and the initial development of a specialist group of church leaders who would like to further consider how churches can be integral to addressing this issue in Coventry.

Our second leaders gathering, in October 2024, served as our 10 year anniversary event, which was very well attended and feedback from this was excellent (see above)

Regional Leaders Prayer Gatherings

Our five Regional Prayer gatherings for leaders have gone from strength to strength in 2024. We have seen between 10-15 leaders gathering in each of the five hubs (North, South, East, West and Central) several times a year for connection, building relationships and prayer.

Youth Leaders Gatherings

We have been regularly gathering with youth leaders across Coventry, to share ideas and resources, encourage and support one another and explore how we can work together to develop city wide youth initiatives.

Youth leaders have been incredibly grateful for the time to share together, and these gatherings have birthed both Youth City Praise and Prayer and a new initiative for 2025 - Coventry Youth Conference. These large scale events are very beneficial to both young people and youth leaders in Coventry and are made possible through the connections made with other youth leaders at these gatherings.

Sharing joy & Jesus with young people

Hannah, Administrator, said:

"Young people in Coventry have a real heart to share Jesus with their friends! In June, HOPE Coventry and The Message brought the No More Knives tour to over 2,500 secondary school young people in Coventry. The tour is returning in March 2025, to share with more young people the dangers of knife crime, how they can keep themselves safe, and powerful stories of how Jesus transforms lives. As a result of this year's Youth City Praise & Prayers, and bringing together Youth Leaders regularly, we're running the first Coventry Youth Conference in February"

No More Knives tour (NMKT)

2500 young people reached through 3 schools across Coventry schools through a partnership with the Message Trust.

98.82% of these young people agreed and strongly agreed that the session was useful.

99.01% of these young people agreed and strongly agreed that the session would help them to make the right choices.

"One year 9 student stood up and clapped through one of the songs with such joy and with no concerns from the year group watching him. The teacher told Emma that she was so emotional watching him, as he is one of their refugees."

"After one lesson, a boy came to Emma, grabbed her firmly by the hand and without letting go, looked into her eyes repeatedly thanking her for the amazing lesson with such sincerity. The head of year then explained that he's recently been in trouble with the police and is in the wrong crowd. She said she believed the NMKT lesson was the moment he needed to move on and was overjoyed!"

Partnership working

The trustees intend to continue HOPE Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives. We have worked in partnership with the following:

Over 70 + Churches from all denominations in the city.

Official Affiliates:

- Feed The Hungry
- The Light House Christian Counselling Centre
- Radio Plus

- Embrace
- Street Pastors

Other organisations we have worked with in 2024 include:

- Coventry City Council – Adult Social Care
- NHS – GP Surgeries and Adult Social Prescribers
- Together for Change Coventry and Warwickshire
- Voluntary Action Coventry
- MotoFest
- HOPE Together
- Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer
- The Message Trust
- Thrive
- Youth for Christ
- Grub Hubs
- Coventry Foodbank

Grants and Funding for Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbours Project has received significant funding from Coventry City Council since 2016 as the main contributory funder, with other funds being provided by Coventry Building Society, National Lottery (Awards for all), the Eveson Trust, West Midlands Police, 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, NHS/ ICB (Winter pressures fund) Rethink Mental Health, and local churches.

Structure, Governance and Management

Hope Coventry became a registered charitable incorporated organisation on the 24th February 2014. Prior to that date it had operated as an unincorporated voluntary body from 17th November 2013. The assets of this body were transferred to Hope Coventry on incorporation.

Appointment for trustees

Appointments are made following application, skills assessment and willingness to support the objectives of the charity and adherence to the statement of faith.

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with a copy of the governing document and the latest set of published accounts. Questions regarding the charity's activities, assets or funding can be asked at any time or at the next Trustees meeting.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic management of Hope Coventry, the management of its funds, the preparation and management of the budget and for advising and reporting on all Hope Coventry's operational activities. Only the trustees have the right to vote in the charity's decision-making process.

Trustee remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity (2023 : £nil). Five of the trustees are leaders of churches which, together, have donated £14,150 (2023 : £11,099) to the work of the charity.

Volunteers

The charity Is indebted to the many hundreds of volunteers who ensure that the services provided by the charity enable it to continue to provide vital services to the City of Coventry.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, those relating to operations and finances of the charity. They are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

1. An annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties the charity faces.
2. The establishment of policies, system and procedures to mitigate the risks identified in the annual review and
3. The implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Safeguarding

Hope Coventry recognises the importance of safeguarding in its work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We follow the requirements of UK legislation in relation to vulnerable adults, children and young people, and the best practice standards advice of ThirtyOne Eight, an established charity committed to assisting churches and Christian organisations with safeguarding, with whom we have taken membership. All staff are all required to take safeguarding training on a regular basis.

Fundraising

Hope Coventry relies on the dedication of its staff to raise funds. They adhere to strict guidelines, to ensure that the donor experience is a clear, fair, enjoyable and unobtrusive experience. Every possible measure is taken to ensure that personal data is stored correctly to comply with current legislation and, in so doing, has signed up to receive suppression under the Fundraising Preference Service.

Public benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit including the guidance "Public Benefit: Running a Charity (PB2)". The Charity relies on donations and grants to provide services to its beneficiaries.

Financial review

During the period, Hope Coventry's income amounted to £295,050 (2023: £194,805). Expenses amounted to £248,793 (2023: £218,399) giving rise to a surplus of £46,257 (2023 deficit £23,594).

Reserves policy

The trustees have a policy of not entering into financial commitments without knowing where the funding will come from. In view of that, the aim is to maintain cash reserves equivalent to at least three months expenditure of the general fund, or an estimate of the closure costs (staff redundancy etc.) of the charity, whichever is higher. Where staff are funded by a restricted fund a similar policy will be adopted for cash held in the restricted fund.

At the 31 December 2024 the total funds available was £229,168 (2023 £182,911), of which £79,792 (2023 : £57,967) was unrestricted and £149,376 (2023: £124,944) was restricted. Total funds equates to approximately 11 months of expenditure (2023 : 10 months).

Closing Remarks from the Chair of Trustees

It has been an excellent year for HOPE Coventry: we remain deeply grateful to all our dedicated staff who show such tireless passion, commitment and diligence and to all the hundreds of volunteers who make the work of the charity possible, including our board of Trustees. It is with pride and gratitude that we celebrated our tenth anniversary as a charity and are confident that in the decade ahead we will build on the foundations and partnerships already in place to see increased beneficial transformation of lives in Coventry and beyond.

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

The law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustee's report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on the Board's behalf by

8/4/25

Esther Storey, Chair of Trustees. Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hope Coventry CIO

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 19 to 30.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

(1) which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

– to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

– to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Canon Gavin Kibble MBE, ACMA

1 Kineton Road, Coventry

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3rd April, 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ending 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	31,794	96,851	128,645	86,231
Charitable Activities	4	6,928	153,825	160,753	107,351
Income from investments	5	4,014	-	4,014	1,223
Other income	6	-	1,637	1,637	-
Total income		**42,737**	**252,313**	**295,050**	**194,805**
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	7	4,515	192	4,707	954
Charitable Activities					
Support costs for charitable activities	8	45,641	192,568	238,209	211,590
Other costs	9	3,667	2,211	5,877	5,855
Total expenditure		**53,822**	**194,970**	**248,793**	**218,399**
Excess of income over expenditure		**(11,085)**	**57,342**	**46,257**	**(23,594)**
Transfer between funds	16	32,910	(32,910)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**21,825**	**24,432**	**46,257**	**(23,594)**
Total fund brought forward	**16**	**57,967**	**124,944**	**182,911**	**206,505**
Total funds carried forward	**16**	**79,792**	**149,376**	**229,168**	**182,911**

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

Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	11		-	-	396
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		226,271		175,381	
Debtors	12	6,697		9,658	
Total Current Assets			**232,968**		**185,039**
Current Liabilities falling due <1 year	13		(3,799)		(2,524)
Net Current Assets			**229,168**		**182,515**
Net Assets			**229,168**		**182,911**
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	16		79,792		57,967
Restricted Funds	16		149,376		124,944
Total Funds			**229,168**		**182,911**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 9th April 2025

Esther Storey, Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1: Statutory Information

Hope Coventry is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found on Page 3.

2: Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2: Accounting Policies - continued

Government Grants

Government grants received are recognised at the point of receipt. Government grants are shown separately.

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computers 20%

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2: Accounting Policies - continued

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure and consider this sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
3	Donations and Legacies	£	£	£	£
	Donations and gifts	29,725	92,224	121,948	81,299
	Tax recovered on giving	2,070	4,627	6,697	4,932
		31,794	**96,851**	**128,645**	**86,231**

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
4	Income from Charitable Activities	£	£	£	£
	Grants : Provision of Aid	5,428	59,328	64,756	12,854
	Local Government Grants : Provision of Aid	1,500	94,497	95,997	94,497
		6,928	**153,825**	**160,753**	**107,351**

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
5	Income from Investments	£	£	£	£
	Bank Interest	**4,014**	-	**4,014**	**1,223**

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
6	Other Income	£	£	£	£
	Other Income	-	**1,637**	**1,637**	-

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
7	Raising Funds	£	£	£	£
	Fundraising publicity	235	192	427	954
	Fundraising consultancy	4,280	-	4,280	-
		4,515	**192**	**4,707**	**954**

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
8	Expenditure on Charitable Activities	£	£	£	£
	Salary Costs	32,434	162,686	195,120	170,806
	Depreciation and impairment	396	-	396	99
	CAP Fees	-	6,000	6,000	7,200
	Consultancy Fees	50	-	50	1,126
	Printing, postage and stationery	360	1,444	1,804	1,900
	Telephone and computer charges	742	1,315	2,056	2,323
	Ministry expenses	642	223	865	882
	Insurance	894	335	1,229	992
	Rent and rates	6,746	2,153	8,900	9,275
	Repairs and maintenance	-	204	204	813
	Debt repayments	-	958	958	4,744
	Room and equipment hire	260	3,638	3,898	5,558
	Small value equipment	357	204	561	-
	Refreshments	953	994	1,946	-
	Celebration	-	3,136	3,136	1,356
	Conferences	1,500	1,641	3,141	-
	Travelling and subsistence	-	3,769	3,769	2,358
	Donations	-	2,750	2,750	741
	Sundry Expenses	307	1,120	1,427	1,417
		45,641	**192,568**	**238,209**	**211,590**

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
9	Other Costs				
	Legal and professional fees	-	2,178	2,178	1,598
	Accountancy and bookkeeping	3,570	-	3,570	4,165
	Bank charges	96	33	129	92
				-	
		3,667	**2,211**	**5,877**	**5,855**

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

10 Staff Costs	2024 £	2023 £
Salary	187,060	159,995
Employers NI	4,078	7,375
Employers Pension	3,982	3,436
Total Staff Costs	**195,120**	**170,806**

The average monthly number of employees during the year were :

2024	2023
16	**16**

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

11 Tangible Fixed Assets	Computers £	Total £
Cost		
As at 1st January 2024	1,509	1,509
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
As at 31st December 2024	1,509	1,509
Depreciation		
As at 1st January 2024	1,113	1,113
Charge for the year	79	79
Impairment	317	317
As at 31st December 2024	1,509	1,509
Net Book Value		
As at 1st January 2024	396	396
As at 31st December 2024	-	-

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

12 Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	4,725
Prepayments and accrued income	6,697	4,933
	6,697	**9,658**

13 Creditors	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade creditors	-	275
Social security and other taxes	2,186	-
Other Creditors	883	23
Accruals and deferred income	730	2,226
	3,799	**2,524**

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit from the charity. No trustee was reimbursed expenses from the charity.

15 Related Party Disclosures

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity (2023 : £nil). Five of the trustees are leaders of churches which, together, have donated £14,150 (2023 : £11,099) to the work of the charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

16 Movement of Funds

	Balance as at 01/01/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Christians Against Poverty	30,195	79,416	(43,833)	(4,512)	61,265
City Praise and Prayer	4,076	1,177	(3,136)	(74)	2,043
Good Neighbours	87,918	165,013	(140,201)	(27,785)	84,944
Healing on the Streets	563	500	(200)	(7)	856
Hope into Work	746	-	-	(746)	-
Motofest	786	703	(1,858)	369	0
Open Heaven	450	-	(204)	-	246
Coventry Prayer House	210	5,504	(5,539)	(155)	20
Total Restricted Funds	**124,944**	**252,313**	**(194,970)**	**(32,910)**	**149,376**
Unrestricted Funds	**57,967**	**42,737**	**(53,842)**	**32,910**	**79,772**
Total Funds	**182,911**	**295,050**	**(248,813)**	**-**	**229,148**

	Balance as at 01/01/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Christians Against Poverty	29,771	44,918	(39,931)	(4,563)	30,195
City Praise and Prayer	701	5,478	(2,103)	-	4,076
Good Neighbours	125,143	115,648	(125,486)	(27,387)	87,918
Healing on the Streets	569	201	(200)	(7)	563
Hope into Work	876	-	-	(130)	746
Motofest	786	-	-	-	786
Open Heaven	450	-	-	-	450
Coventry Prayer House	1,899	3,886	(5,445)	(130)	210
Total Restricted Funds	**160,195**	**170,131**	**(173,165)**	**(32,217)**	**124,944**
Unrestricted Funds	**46,310**	**24,674**	**(45,234)**	**32,217**	**57,967**
Total Funds	**206,505**	**194,805**	**(218,399)**	**-**	**182,911**

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

16: Movement of Funds (cont.) : Description of Funds

- Christians Against Poverty : Debt counselling service
- City Praise and Prayer : Twice yearly gathering of the churches in Coventry
- Good Neighbours : A befriending and support service for vulnerable isolated older people in Coventry
- Healing on the Streets : Prayer ministry in Coventry city centre
- Hope into Work : Back to work support.
- Motofest : Support for the Coventry Motofest event.
- Open Heaven : Funds remaining from praying every street in Coventry
- Coventry Prayer House : Prayer house based in the city centre

17 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 31st December are represented by :				
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	396
Current Assets/(Liabilities)	79,792	149,376	229,168	182,515
	79,792	**149,376**	**229,168**	**182,911**

Notes to the Financial Statements – continued

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

18 : Statement of Financial Activities (Prior Year)

(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ending 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and Legacies	23,451	62,780	86,231	110,433
Charitable Activities	-	107,351	107,351	141,066
Income from investments	1,223	-	1,223	2,253
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total income	**24,674**	**170,131**	**194,805**	**253,752**
Expenditure				
Raising Funds	208	746	954	75
Charitable Activities				
Support costs for charitable activities	40,472	171,118	211,590	240,946
Other	4,554	1,301	5,855	5,189
Total expenditure	**45,234**	**173,165**	**218,399**	**246,210**
Excess of income over expenditure	**(20,560)**	**(3,034)**	**(23,594)**	**7,542**
Transfer between funds	32,217	(32,217)	-	-
Net movement in funds	**11,657**	**(35,251)**	**(23,594)**	**7,542**
Total fund brought forward	**46,310**	**160,195**	**206,505**	**198,963**
Total funds carried forward	**57,967**	**124,944**	**182,911**	**206,505**

HOPE COVENTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1155912

Accounts

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HOPE COVENTRY

A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs E Storey (Chair) Mr A Hillier Pastor E Etomi Mr A Ormes Mr A Simpkins (Vice Chair) Mr J Scouller Mrs A Harris Mr J Maynard
Charity number	1155912
Principal address	Hope Offices c/o The Halo Centre Progress Way Coventry CV3 2NT
Independent examiner	Debra Knighton FCCA Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL
Solicitors	Rotherhams 8 & 9 The Quadrant Coventry CV1 2EG

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HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Hope Coventry's aims and objectives are primarily to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Charity's Statement of Faith, in particular but not exclusively, by:
a) proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.
b) demonstrating, promoting and encouraging Christian values including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all people in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

It also aims to relieve poverty, need and sickness in Coventry and elsewhere as the trustees decide through the provision of education and practical action, working with those affected either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Charity's principle activities are:

- Operating a befriending service for vulnerable and isolated older people.
- Operating Coventry Debt Centre (a branch of CAP: Christians Against Poverty).
- Overseeing the Coventry Prayer House and supporting prayer initiatives in the city.
- Providing prayer in the city (HOTS) for anyone who wants it, including for healing and life circumstances.
- Organising activities as an expression of church in the city during the Motofest festival in Coventry (HOPE@Motofest).
- Providing church leaders with connection opportunities, including through hosting twice yearly conferences (HOPE Leaders Gathering).
- Providing high quality fortnightly newsletters and regular social media posts with information about churches and Christian organisations work in the city and beyond.
- Providing Christian youth leaders with regular networking opportunities (quarterly), with a view to facilitating training, prayer and joint events (such as Youth City Praise and Prayer).

Achievements and performance

The charity continued to sustain its commitments and respond to societal needs in the city.

We are located at “The Halo Centre”, a charity hub including Coventry Food bank, Feed the Hungry, Hope into Action and HOPE Coventry. **We have 16 part time staff working across four projects; There are 400+ volunteers serving 700+ clients from befriending to debt relief, offering prayer, to providing events across the city.**

Good Neighbours – Good Neighbours Coventry was supporting 347 clients at the end of 2023, with 434 new referrals during the year. Each of these referrals for a vulnerable and isolated person age 50+ was triaged to seek the best outcomes for them - whether home befriending, telephone befriending, peer befriending, joining a supported friendship group, and/or signposting to other services to meet their wider needs.

Throughout the year, 166 people in the community attended a volunteering information session.

Volunteers were offered additional training on emergency first aid, dementia, bereavement & loss, scam & crime prevention, communication with sensory impairments, and active listening & building closer relationships. In addition, quarterly volunteer support sessions were held, and volunteer & client Christmas events. We also sent Christmas cards & booklets to all active clients and volunteers.

The Good Neighbours Bedworth pilot project closed in March 2023; matched clients are now being supported on an ongoing basis by the Coventry team.

We conducted a client & befriender survey in August & September 2023 to measure the impact of the service. As previously, feedback from clients & volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. 88% of clients thought that someone now cared about them compared to previously. 86% of clients were sure that Good Neighbours befriending made them feel less lonely and isolated. Clients and volunteers reported a huge variety of activities and practical support within their friendships, from assistance with reading & in the garden to getting vaccinated & using mobility aids.

Our two Memory Lane dementia & carer groups, and our two men's mental health support groups, continued to flourish throughout the year. Each offers a safe space for people to come and meet others in similar circumstances.

This year, we have met to partner with The Opal’s Occupational Therapy team, the Adult Social Care VCSE Market Place, social prescribers from across the city, the ‘Coventry & Warwickshire VCSE Mental Health Alliance’ and the ‘Over 65 MH Pathway Steering Group’, and the Sahara Project to better meet the needs of some south Asian elders.

Graham* has lived with lifelong disability and loneliness. His befriender of two years contacted Good Neighbours to say Graham hadn’t been himself recently and was possibly suffering from self neglect. Graham hadn’t had a recent haircut and appeared to be in a lot of pain with his feet which weren’t getting better. Thanks to the volunteer flagging this, the case was taken on by the Adult Social Care Outreach Support Team. They got him a haircut, chiropodist appointment and ended up facilitating an operation for a hip problem. The Outreach Support Team’s feedback was that they were really pleased Graham’s situation had been highlighted to them so that they were able to provide a coordinated package of support. This was down to the befriender. Graham himself is also much happier and in less pain! - September 2023

“Good Neighbours befriending is the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done in my life” **- comment at a volunteer support session from a 70 year old male volunteer, August 2023**
“I’ve attended other groups, but I find the open and honest conversation space excellent at Keresley. I really value being able to come here.” **- Brian* at Keresley men’s group, July 2023**

Agnes* was referred to us by a social prescriber as she had recently moved to Coventry to be near her daughter, Julie*, as she was in the early stages of Dementia. The initial assessment visit identified that Agnes* would benefit from a befriender, but even more so her daughter, who was the sole carer for mum and was finding it increasingly hard to maintain her own life as well as supporting her mother. Julie* was given information on local ‘day care’ services and Dementia/ carer support groups, was encouraged to apply for Attendance Allowance for mum, and made aware that once this was in place, mum would qualify for Council Tax exemption.

A befriender was quickly matched and introduced, they got on brilliantly especially sharing their love of crafting, and now meet up regularly. Julie* has successfully applied for Attendance Allowance and the money is now used to fund 2 days a week at a Dementia Day service, that Agnes really enjoys. Julie* says *"I can't thank you enough, that initial hour changed mine and my mum's life in so many ways, for the better, Mum is brighter and clearly happier, she loves having her befriender to talk to about so many things".*

* All names changed to protect anonymity

Christians Against Poverty – 49 new families became CAP clients over the year and 9 families went fully debt free in 2023. 8 befrienders worked with us and 12 people are on our regular prayer team. We facilitate 5 'drop-in' sessions, where clients can speak to the team, at social supermarket and Foodbank locations.

We also have good connections at 6 other Foodbank locations and 4 social supermarkets. These bring us a number of client families who have a variety of support needs. We have engaged with 183 families / individuals through these drop-ins (50% higher than in 2022), of which the majority we have been able to help by signposting, budgeting, by contacting their creditors to arrange payments or enrolling them as full CAP clients. We also have excellent relationships with the DWP, Law Centre, CGL (addiction charity), Citizens Advice, as well as Social Prescribers across the city.

Louisa's* story
We were contacted by a social subscriber working at a GP surgery, who had a patient with debt issues. We met together and it became clear to Louisa that she needed to sell her old Range Rover and to stop driving, as her pension could not cover the expense of running the car. This was difficult for Louisa, as it was a step away from independence but we were able to support her through this and then put a plan in place to go through a DRO (Insolvency). The DRO came through within 5 weeks and she was debt free. Since then we have put a new budget together which whilst tight is manageable. Through this we were able to pray with her and encourage her in her Christian life. This is the story in her words:

'I live in Coventry and at 75 years of age I had to give up work not knowing how much I owed creditors and I did not know how I was going to pay rent and pay all my credit. I didn't want to live and was put on depression pills and all of a sudden I was given a number to get in touch with CAP. This was a Godsend. They helped me sort my debt out and how I could get help with rent. It was a hard journey, no stone unturned no matter how hard it was. Without CAP's help through every stage I would not be where I am today. I can never repay CAP for all the help I had and will be eternally grateful to them'.
- **CAP Client**

*Name has been changed to protect anonymity

Coventry House of Prayer – Around 30 people are involved in maintaining Coventry House of Prayer as a community that regularly prays for the City of Coventry and beyond. There are regular sessions throughout the week both at Trinity House and also in homes. CHoP participates in regional, national and international prayer events and is part of the UK Houses of Prayer National Network. Coventry House of Prayer has welcomed over 700 individual visits to the prayer room in 2023 and worked with many organisations including: Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, Coventry Burn 24/7, Hope Springs Church, UK HoP Network, World Prayer Centre, Mission:Mercia.

In 2023 CHoP helped set up and support The Riley Square Prayer Room event and the Coventry Burn 24/7 prayer event. Some members completed the Hearing God for Others Course while one member attended international prayer assignments. Links have been made with international groups and CHoP are part of a newly formed intercessory group for England.

As well as responding to prayer requests the team regularly pray for families, friends and neighbourhoods, the whole city, our nation and the world.

Quotes from attendees:
"We were greatly blessed last month and look forward to the same [at a future event]."
- **A local vicar**
"I love it here, I feel so peaceful."
- **Ladies' Prayer visitor**

Healing on The Streets – During 2023, the Healing on the Streets team offered prayer to members of the public in the City Centre on 25 Saturday lunchtime sessions. The team is very committed and enthusiastic. There are usually 6-8 team members per session, praying for 12 people on average per session. The team is made up of members from several local churches.

Although prayer for healing is the main thrust, we also prayed for people regarding a wide range of needs, particularly the need to find a job. People usually went away happy and appreciative of our prayers, and at times we had people we had prayed for previously returning to tell us of the good things that God had done for them.

Safeguarding Training – Throughout 2023 we have delivered a comprehensive programme of safeguarding training to volunteers across all 4 projects; Good Neighbours, Christians Against Poverty, Healing on the Streets and Coventry House of Prayer. The training is a comprehensive overview of relevant safeguarding issues followed by a short quiz to ensure information has been understood and retained. Feedback from the training has been extremely positive. To date 262 volunteers have either attended a session with HOPE Coventry or submitted existing evidence of relevant safeguarding training. This training is part of an ongoing process and will be regularly repeated or reviewed to ensure all volunteers are competent within the area of safeguarding.

Church Leaders' Gatherings – Two large gatherings were held with church leaders from across the city, with several smaller events to allow for strategic planning around topics such as prayer and supporting young people in the city, as well as equipping people and churches to assist individuals in the local community.

City Praise & Prayer – In June 2023 (following the Motofest weekend), we facilitated an open air gathering of over 600 people at GreyFriars Green in Coventry City Centre. Then in November 2023 we also held a similar indoor event where we celebrated 10 Years of City Praise and Prayer. These events brought together Christians from all denominations for an evening of songs, prayer, encouragement and celebration of Coventry.

Youth Leaders Gatherings - Following extensive discussions with stakeholders across the city, including Christian Youth Leaders, Church Leaders, Young People, Youth Charity / Organisation Leaders, Statutory Youth Providers and other key individuals, we launched quarterly youth leaders gatherings to enable networking, sharing of ideas and resources, prayer and joint events. The first one taking place in October 2023.

Partnership working
The trustees intend to continue HOPE Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives. We have worked in partnership with the following:

Over 70 + Churches from all denominations in the city
Official Affiliates:
- Feed The Hungry
- The Lighthouse
- Radio Plus
- Embrace
- Street Pastors

Other organisations we have worked with in 2023:
- Coventry City Council – Adult Social Care
- Warwickshire County Council
- Public Health Coventry - Community Messengers
- NHS – GP Surgeries and Adult Social Prescribers
- Coventry C of E Diocese, Bishop of Coventry
- Hope into Action
- Motofest
- HOPE Together
- Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer
- Together for Change
- The Message Trust
- Thrive
- Youth for Christ
- Grub Hubs
- Coventry Foodbank

Grants and Funding for Good Neighbours
The Good Neighbours Project has received significant funding from Coventry City Council since 2016 as the main contributory funder, with other funds being provided by Coventry Building Society, Citizen Housing, and local churches.

Financial review

During the period, Hope Coventry's income amounted to £194,805. Expenses amounted to £218,399 so that Hope Coventry's deficit for the year was £23,594 (2022 surplus £7,542).

The trustees have a policy of not entering into financial commitments without knowing where the funding will come from. In view of that, the aim is to maintain cash reserves equivalent to at least three months expenditure of the general fund, or an estimate of the closure costs (staff redundancy etc.) of the charity, whichever is higher.

Where staff are funded by a restricted fund a similar policy will be adopted for cash held in the restricted fund.

At the 31 December 2023 the total funds available was £182,911, of which £57,967 was unrestricted and £124,944 was restricted.

The trustees have in place procedures, policies and risk assessment to fulfil their governance role and responsibilities.

The trustees intend to continue Hope Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives.

Structure, governance and management
Hope Coventry became a Registered Charity on the 24th February 2014 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prior to that date it operated as an Unincorporated Voluntary Body since 27 November 2013. The assets of the former unincorporated voluntary body were transferred to Hope Coventry on 24 February 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mrs E Storey (Chair)
Mr A Hillier
Pastor E Etomi
Mr A Ormes
Mr A Simpkins (Vice Chair)
Mr J Scouller
Mrs A Harris
Mr J Maynard

Appointment of trustees
Appointments are made following application, confirmation of skills to assist the Charity in the fulfilment of its objectives and adherence to the Statement of Faith.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic management of Hope Coventry, the management of its funds, the preparation and management of the budget and for advising and reporting on all Hope Coventry's operational activities. Only the trustees have the right to vote in Hope Coventry's decision-making process.

Trustees remuneration and expenses
No trustees receive any remuneration from HOPE Coventry

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches have donated approximately £11,099 (2022 : £16,100) in total to the work of the charity.

During 2023 our staff and volunteer base and commitment has enabled us to successfully sustain a quality service developing successful support across our projects in the face of adversity and difficulties presented by the ongoing impact of the pandemic. We are extremely appreciative for the individual financial donations, the significant number of Coventry Churches who give of their time and finances towards serving the city and the grant funding received during the year through Hope Coventry.

We look forward to serving in 2024 and beyond.

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

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Mrs E Storey (Chair)
Trustee
Dated: 12 June 2024

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE COVENTRY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Coventry Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Debra Knighton FCCA.

Debra Knighton FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

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Dated: 18/06/24

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	23,451	62,780	86,231	22,722	87,711	110,433
Charitable activities	**4**	-	107,351	107,351	-	141,066	141,066
Investments	**5**	1,223	-	1,223	2,253	-	2,253
Total income		24,674	170,131	194,805	24,975	228,777	253,752
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**6**	208	746	954	40	35	75
Charitable activities	**7**	40,472	171,118	211,590	48,764	192,182	240,946
Other expenditure	**10**	4,554	1,301	5,855	3,163	2,026	5,189
Total expenditure		45,234	173,165	218,399	51,967	194,243	246,210
Net income/(expenditure)		(20,560)	(3,034)	(23,594)	(26,992)	34,534	7,542
Transfers between funds		32,217	(32,217)	-	20,123	(20,123)	-
Net movement in funds		11,657	(35,251)	(23,594)	(6,869)	14,411	7,542
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		46,310	160,195	206,505	53,179	145,784	198,963
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		57,967	124,944	182,911	46,310	160,195	206,505

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

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		396		495
Current assets					
Debtors	13	9,658		4,647	
Cash at bank and in hand		175,381		206,844	
		185,039		211,491	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	2,524		5,481	
Net current assets			182,515		206,010
Total assets less current liabilities			182,911		206,505
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds			124,944		160,195
Unrestricted funds			57,967		46,310
			182,911		206,505

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12 June 2024

Mrs E Storey (Chair)
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Hope Coventry became a Registered Charity on the 24th February 2014 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prior to that date it operated as an Unincorporated Voluntary Body since 27 November 2013. The assets of the former unincorporated voluntary body were transferred to Hope Coventry on 24 February 2014.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Donated services are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries and their associated support costs. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative costs, finance and governance costs which support the charity's activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Computers	20% reducing balance

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activity.

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022	2022	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	20,451	60,848	81,299	22,391	85,494	107,885
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	3,000	1,932	4,932	331	2,217	2,548
	23,451	62,780	86,231	22,722	87,711	110,433

4 Charitable activities

	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Performance related grants	107,351	141,066

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023	**Unrestricted funds 2022**
	£	**£**
Interest receivable	1,223	2,253

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022	2022	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Advertising	208	746	954	40	35	75
	208	746	954	40	35	75

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Direct costs		
Staff costs	170,806	187,760
Depreciation and impairment	99	124
CAP Fees	7,200	7,700
Consultancy fees	1,126	-
Printing, postage and stationery	1,900	1,180
Telephone and computer charges	2,323	4,730
Ministry expenses	882	637
Insurance	992	987
Rent and rates	9,275	9,651
Repairs and maintenance	813	937
Debt repayments	4,744	3,904
Room and equipment hire	5,558	11,858
Celebration	1,356	6,187
Travelling	2,358	2,295
Donations	741	500
Sundry expenses	1,417	2,496
	211,590	240,946
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	40,472	48,764
Restricted funds	171,118	192,182
	211,590	240,946

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2022: None).

None of the trustees were reimbursed any expenses during the year (2022: None).

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	16	15

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	159,995	179,610
Social security costs	7,375	4,558
Other pension costs	3,436	3,592
	170,806	187,760

10 Other

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
			£			£
Legal and professional fees	345	1,253	1,598	12	1,994	2,006
Accountancy and book keeping	4,165	-	4,165	3,120	-	3,120
Financing costs	44	48	92	31	32	63
	4,554	1,301	5,855	3,163	2,026	5,189

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	1,509
At 31 December 2023	1,509
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023	1,014
Depreciation charged in the year	99
At 31 December 2023	1,113
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	396
At 31 December 2022	495

13 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Other debtors	4,725	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,933	4,647
	9,658	4,647

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	3,310
Trade creditors	275	-
Other creditors	23	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,226	2,171
	2,524	5,481

15 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	46,310	24,674	(45,234)	32,217	57,967

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	53,179	24,975	(51,967)	20,123	46,310

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	144	252	396	181	314	495
Current assets/(liabilities)	57,823	124,692	182,515	46,130	159,881	206,010
	57,967	124,944	182,911	46,311	160,195	206,505

17 Related party transactions

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches have donated approximately £11,099 (2022 : £16,100) in total to the work of the charity.

HOPE COVENTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1155912

Accounts

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HOPE COVENTRY

A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs E Storey (Chair) Mr A Hillier Pastor E Etomi Mr A Ormes Mr A Simpkins (Vice Chair) Revd D Hammond (Resigned as trustee June 2022) Mr J Scouller Mrs A Harris Mr S Elton (Elected as trustee March 2022, resigned as trustee December 2022) Mr J Maynard (Elected as trustee November 2022)
Charity number	1155912
Principal address	Hope Offices c/o The Halo Centre Progress Way Coventry CV3 2NT
Independent examiner	Debra Knighton FCCA Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL
Solicitors	Rotherhams 8 & 9 The Quadrant Coventry CV1 2EG

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A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
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HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Hope Coventry's aims and objectives are primarily to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Charity's Statement of Faith, in particular but not exclusively, by:
a) proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.
b) demonstrating, promoting and encouraging Christian values including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all people in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

It also aims to relieve poverty, need and sickness in Coventry and elsewhere as the trustees decide through the provision of education and practical action, working with those affected either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Charity's principle activities are:

- Operating a befriending service for vulnerable and isolated older people.
- Operating Coventry Debt Centre (a branch of CAP: Christians Against Poverty.)
- Overseeing the Coventry Prayer House and supporting prayer initiatives in the city Providing prayer in the city (HOTS) for anyone who wants it, including for healing and life circumstances.
- Organising a celebration for all in the city centre as part of a wider festival Motofest. HOPE@Motofest (In 2022 this was canceled due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II).
- Providing church leaders with connection opportunities, especially through hosting twice yearly conferences.
- Providing high quality fortnightly newsletters and social media posts with information about churches and Christian organisations work in the city and beyond.

Achievements and performance
The charity continued to sustain its commitments and respond to societal needs in the city.

We are located at "The Halo Centre", a charity hub including Coventry Food bank, Feed the Hungry, Hope into Action and HOPE Coventry. **We have 15 part time staff working across four projects; There are 400+ volunteers serving 700+ clients from befriending to debt relief, offering prayer, to providing events across the city.**

Good Neighbours – The Good Neighbours project, having grown through the Covid-19 pandemic, at the end of 2022 was supporting over 280 people each week through befriending. Throughout the year volunteers were offered training in.

- healthy boundaries
- suicide prevention
- safeguarding
- dementia
- mental health

The Good Neigbours project has launched two 'Memory Lane' Cafes this year to support those living with dementia and their families and carers. The cafes offer a wide range of activities including making Christmas decorations, talking about Christmas in Victorian times with visitors from the Herbert Art Gallery, and a Strictly Come Dancing competition. These enable those with dementia to link with cultural touchstones and reminisce in a positive way.

'At Memory Lane Radford, we had a carol concert. Brodie's dementia is now very advanced and she can't hold a conversation - but the power of music worked & she really enjoyed singing along to familiar songs!'*

***All client names have been changed to protect anonymity.**

Our men's groups attract new members all the time and are a stalwart support of long-standing attendees' mental health. At the Keresley group, 40% of men have experienced recent bereavement. We are able to support them through grief and encourage them to branch out into wider social activity.

"I speak on behalf of the social prescribers and care coordinators who work in the Go West area of Coventry. Good Neighbours are a pivotal part of the social prescribing service whereby we refer and signpost many of our patients to groups and activities in their local area. By encouraging patients to attend what's on offer, this can have a positive effect on patients' mental health and therefore reduce social isolation.

The befriending service we find to be very valuable to our patients especially those who are housebound. The benefit of this service is that patients look forward to seeing someone on a regular basis, for some this is the only contact from the outside world that they may receive. Again this service improves wellbeing and reduces social isolation.

Some of the groups and activities include different forms of exercise which long term can reduce people's risks of heart disease, cancer, type 2 diabetes and depression thus reducing time spent at GPs surgeries and hospital admissions. We find the website has useful links to the groups by grouping them into the postcode areas, these can be printed off to share with out patients, especially those without internet access. Overall, this is an excellent service." ***- Lead social prescriber, December 2022***

Christians Against Poverty – 47 new families became CAP clients over the year and 7 families went fully debt free in 2022. 12 befrienders worked with us and 14 people are on our regular prayer team.

We facilitate 'drop-in' sessions, where clients can speak to the team, at three social supermarkets/ food bank locations and have good connections at four other food banks and five social supermarkets. These bring us a number of connections who are in need of support.
We have engaged with 123 families/ individuals through these drop-ins, of which the majority we have been able to help by signposting, budgeting or by contacting their creditors to arrange payments.

We also have excellent relationships with the DWP, Law Centre, Change, Grow, Live (addiction charity) and Social Prescribers across the city.

"Simon came to our attention via a contact at St Stephen's Food bank in Canley. Ian Burton - CAP Coventry Centre Manager - spent around 6 hours with him, helping him to budget, setting up Standing Order & Direct Debits to come out at the best time (I.e. the day he received his Universal Credit) and took him to church where he has found in his words, 'a new community, who can help me find the faith I lost 40 years ago!'*

Simon also admitted to wanting to take his own life but our support, the listening ear of people across CAP and his new church, has meant he has not acted upon that feeling."* ***- CAP Team Member***

Coventry House of Prayer – Over 35 people are involved in maintaining Coventry House of Prayer as a community that regularly prays for the City of Coventry. There are regular sessions throughout the week both in person as the Old Bluecoat school venue and also online. CHoP participates in other regional, national or international prayer events, networks or summits, and is part of the UK Houses of Prayer national Network.

Healing on The Streets – During 2022, the HOTS team offered prayer on 24 occasions. Around 250 people received prayer during the year, all of which was gratefully received. There is a core team of six people from several churches.

Church Leaders' Gatherings - Two large gatherings were held with church leaders from across the city, with several smaller events to allow for strategic planning around topics such as supporting refugees and asylum seekers, and equipping people and churches to assist individuals in navigating the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

City Praise & Prayer - In May 2022, we facilitated an open air gathering of over 1000 people at the Coventry Cathedral ruins. This event brought together Christians from all denominations for an evening of songs, prayer, encouragement and celebration of Coventry.

Partnership working
The trustees intend to continue HOPE Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives. We have worked in partnership with the following:

- Over 70 + Churches from all denominations in the city
- Official Affiliates:
  - Together for Change
  - Feed The Hungry
  - The Lighthouse
  - Radio Plus
  - Embrace
  - Street Pastors

Other organisations we have worked with in 2022:

- Coventry City Council – Adult Social Care
- Warwickshire County Council
- Public Health Coventry - Community Messengers
- NHS – GP Surgeries and Adult Social Prescribers
- Coventry C of E Diocese, Bishop of Coventry
- Hope into Action
- Motofest
- HOPE Together
- Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer

Grants and Funding for Good Neighbours
The Good Neighbours Project has received significant funding from Coventry City Council since 2016 as the main contributory funder with other significant funds being provided by Independent Age, The Eveson Trust, Community Mental Health Transformation VCSE Innovation Fund and Heart of England Community Foundation along with smaller grants from local charities.

Financial review

During the period, Hope Coventry's income amounted to £253,752. Expenses amounted to £246,210 so that Hope Coventry's surplus for the year was £7,542 (2021 £36,031).

The trustees have a policy of not entering into financial commitments without knowing where the funding will come from. In view of that, the aim is to maintain cash reserves equivalent to at least three months expenditure of the general fund, or an estimate of the closure costs (staff redundancy etc.) of the charity, whichever is higher.

Where staff are funded by a restricted fund a similar policy will be adopted for cash held in the restricted fund.

At the 31 December 2022 the total funds available was £206,505, of which £46,310 was unrestricted and £160,195 was restricted.

The trustees have in place procedures, policies and risk assessment to fulfil their governance role and responsibilities.

The trustees intend to continue Hope Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives.

Structure, governance and management
Hope Coventry became a Registered Charity on the 24th February 2014 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prior to that date it operated as an Unincorporated Voluntary Body since 27 November 2013. The assets of the former unincorporated voluntary body were transferred to Hope Coventry on 24 February 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mrs E Storey (Chair)
Mr A Hillier
Pastor E Etomi
Mr A Ormes
Mr A Simpkins (Vice Chair)
Revd D Hammond (Resigned as trustee June 2022)
Mr J Scouller
Mrs A Harris
Mr S Elton (Elected as trustee March 2022, resigned as trustee December 2022)
Mr J Maynard (Elected as trustee November 2022)

Appointment of trustees
Appointments are made following application, confirmation of skills to assist the Charity in the fulfilment of its objectives and adherence to the Statement of Faith.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic management of Hope Coventry, the management of its funds, the preparation and management of the budget and for advising and reporting on all Hope Coventry's operational activities. Only the trustees have the right to vote in Hope Coventry's decision-making process.

Trustees remuneration and expenses
No trustees receive any remuneration from HOPE Coventry

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches have donated approximately £16,100 (2021 : £8,100) in total to the work of the charity.

During 2022 our staff and volunteer base and commitment has enabled us to successfully sustain a quality service developing successful support across our projects in the face of adversity and difficulties presented by the ongoing impact of the pandemic. We are extremely appreciative for the individual financial donations, the significant number of Coventry Churches who give of their time and finances towards serving the city and the grant funding received during the year through Hope Coventry.

We look forward to serving in 2023 and beyond.

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

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Mrs E Storey (Chair)
Trustee
Dated: 29/6/23

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE COVENTRY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Coventry Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Debra Knighton FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

3 Coventry Innovation Village
Cheetah Road
Coventry
CV1 2TL

Dated: 30 JUNE 2023

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	22,722	87,711	110,433	20,209	54,082	74,291
Charitable activities	4	-	141,066	141,066	9,903	189,580	199,483
Investments	5	2,253	-	2,253	4	-	4
Total income		24,975	228,777	253,752	30,116	243,662	273,778
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	40	35	75	146	14	160
Charitable activities	7	48,764	192,182	240,946	47,435	186,823	234,258
Other	11	3,163	2,026	5,189	3,317	12	3,329
Total expenditure		51,967	194,243	246,210	50,898	186,849	237,747
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(26,992)	34,534	7,542	(20,782)	56,813	36,031
Gross transfers between funds		20,123	(20,123)	-	44,761	(44,761)	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(6,869)	14,411	7,542	23,979	12,052	36,031
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		53,179	145,784	198,963	29,200	133,732	162,932
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		46,310	160,195	206,505	53,179	145,784	198,963

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		495		619
Current assets					
Debtors	14	4,647		3,365	
Cash at bank and in hand		206,844		199,258	
		211,491		202,623	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(5,481)		(4,279)	
Net current assets			206,010		198,344
Total assets less current liabilities			206,505		198,963
Income funds					
Restricted funds			160,195		145,784
Unrestricted funds			46,310		53,179
			206,505		198,963

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29/6/23

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Mrs E Storey (Chair)
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Hope Coventry became a Registered Charity on the 24th February 2014 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prior to that date it operated as an Unincorporated Voluntary Body since 27 November 2013. The assets of the former unincorporated voluntary body were transferred to Hope Coventry on 24 February 2014.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Donated services are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries and their associated support costs. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative costs, finance and governance costs which support the charity's activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Computers	20% reducing balance

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activity.

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	**2022**	**2022**	2021	2021	2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	22,391	85,494	107,885	20,098	49,660	69,758
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	331	2,217	2,548	111	4,422	4,533
	22,722	87,711	110,433	20,209	54,082	74,291

4 Charitable activities

	2022	**2021**
	£	**£**
Performance related grants	141,066	199,189
Other income	-	294
	141,066	199,483
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	-	9,903
Restricted funds	141,066	189,580
	141,066	199,483

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Interest receivable	2,253	4

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Advertising	40	35	75	146	14	160
	40	35	75	146	14	160

7 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	187,760	193,544
Depreciation and impairment	124	154
CAP Fees	7,700	7,050
Consultancy fees	-	390
Printing, postage and stationery	1,180	1,368
Telephone and computer charges	4,730	5,407
Ministry expenses	637	7,743
Insurance	987	877
Rent and rates	9,651	8,820
Repairs and maintenance	937	1,911
Debt repayments	3,904	-
Room and equipment hire	11,858	-
Celebration	6,187	-
Travelling	2,295	698
Donations	500	2,700
Sundry expenses	2,496	1,286
	240,946	231,948
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	-	2,310
	240,946	234,258
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	48,764	47,435
Restricted funds	192,182	186,823
	240,946	234,258

8 Grants payable

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Other	-	2,310

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2021: None).

None of the trustees were reimbursed any expenses during the year (2021: £612).

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	15	15

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	179,610	183,288
Social security costs	4,558	6,875
Other pension costs	3,592	3,381
	187,760	193,544

11 Other

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total £ 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total £ 2021
Legal and professional fees	12	1,994	2,006	-	-	-
Accountancy and book keeping	3,120	-	3,120	2,703	-	2,703
Financing costs	31	32	63	2	12	14
Other expenditure	-	-	-	612	-	612
	3,163	2,026	5,189	3,317	12	3,329

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	1,509
At 31 December 2022	1,509
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2022	890
Depreciation charged in the year	124
At 31 December 2022	1,014
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2022	495
At 31 December 2021	619

14 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	4,647	3,365

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	3,310	2,513
Accruals and deferred income	2,171	1,766
	5,481	4,279

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	181	314	495	226	393	619
Current assets/(liabilities)	46,129	159,881	206,010	52,953	145,391	198,344
	46,310	160,195	206,505	53,179	145,784	198,963

17 Related party transactions

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches have donated approximately £16,100 (2021 : £8,100) in total to the work of the charity.

HOPE COVENTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1155912

Accounts

Charity registration number 1155912

HOPE COVENTRY

A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021) Mr A Hillier Pastor E Etomi Mr A Ormes Mr A Simpkins Revd D Hammond Mr J Scouller Mrs A Harris	(Appointed 16 September 2021)
Charity number	1155912	
Principal address	Hope Offices c/o The Halo Centre Progress Way Coventry CV3 2NT	
Independent examiner	Debra Knighton FCCA Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL	
Solicitors	Rotherhams 8 & 9 The Quadrant Coventry CV1 2EG	

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A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
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HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Hope Coventry's aims and objectives are primarily to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Charity's Statement of Faith, in particular but not exclusively, by:
a) proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.
b) demonstrating, promoting and encouraging Christian values including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all people in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

It also aims to relieve poverty, need and sickness in Coventry and elsewhere as the trustees decide through the provision of education and practical action, working with those affected either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Charity's principle activities are:

- Operating a befriending service for vulnerable and isolated older people in partnership with Together for Change
- Operating Coventry Debt Centre (a branch of CAP: Christians Against Poverty.)
- Overseeing the Coventry Prayer House and supporting prayer initiatives in the city Providing prayer in the city (HOTS) for anyone who wants it, including for healing and life circumstances.
- Organising a celebration for all in the city centre as part of a wider festival Motofest. HOPE@Motofest
- Providing church leaders with connection opportunities, especially through hosting twice yearly conferences
- Providing high quality fortnightly newsletters and social media posts with information about churches and Christian organisations work in the city and beyond.

Achievements and performance

The charity continued to sustain its commitments and respond to societal needs in the city.

We are located at "The Halo Centre", a charity hub including Coventry Foodbank, Feed the Hungry, Hope into Action and HOPE Coventry. **We have 15 mostly part time staff working across seven projects; There are 400+ volunteers serving 700+ clients from befriending to debt relief, offering prayer, to providing events across the city.**

COVID Response – we responded to the needs of isolated older people providing and delivering over 250 food parcels in the January 2021 lockdown working with Coventry Foodbank and Coventry City Council. We moved all befriending and debt services to phone or online until restrictions permitted meeting in person. We continued to serve all clients, totalling over 300 each week throughout 2021.

Award Jess Day-Pollard our Communications Manager was presented with a Covid Hero Award by Public Health Coventry for her work as part of Coventry Community Messengers during the pandemic.

Good Neighbours – We have grown exponentially during the pandemic, from serving 120 people weekly to having 300+ active weekly clients on our books. Clients are seen through 1-1 befriending done by regular volunteers; this is gratefully received. See video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwxK19N75ms&t=2s

Our befrienders also appreciate their connections

"When I signed up to be a befriender with Good Neighbours Coventry, I picked Paul*(not real name) to befriend. We started with telephone calls until we had our COVID jabs and were allowed to visit. We've become the best of friends and even share new hobbies together! I know I've made a friend for life and I can only recommend making a bit of spare time once a week, volunteer for this charity and see where the path leads you. Paul, you are a true inspiration to me! You have enriched my life with your special knowledge on fish. I hope our friendship will last forever."

- Our befriending has significantly reduced loneliness and improved mental wellbeing, according to a survey of our clients and volunteers conducted in January 2022.
- There has been improvement to their lives reported for 69% of our clients and there has been a large improvement to quality of life for almost 40% of clients. This matches with the volunteer perspective, 80% report improvement (even if mental health challenges remain) and over 40% report a large improvement to mental wellbeing.
- Both clients and volunteers report being over 40% much less lonely and isolated with some difference being made in about 80% of cases.
- 90% of the older people said having a befriender made them feel like someone cared about them
- 35% of clients also said having a befriender made them feel safer.
- Over 75% of volunteers recorded their older person feeling more confident because of their friendship

We opened a Dementia Café in Coundon (LSR Church) and a Men's Mental Health Café in Finham (St Martins).

We started Good Neighbours Bedworth in July 2021 with over 43 people impacted and served within the first 3 months.

Christians Against Poverty – Ian Burton and his team have seen 21 people go debt free since between March 2020 – December 2021. This is credit to efforts of staff and clients helped by our new Jubilee Fund to which churches and individuals have contributed. The Jubilee Fund enables the last part of someone's debt to be paid off completely. This has been a real blessing and impactful to moving clients on.

Coventry House of Prayer – Meeting virtually through 2021, people are dedicated to praying for the city and its churches. Now located in the Old Bluecoat school, they have maintained a prayer vigil for the city and contributed to Cov 365 (another prayer initiative launched in 2021 which aims to pray for Coventry 24 hours a day until May 2022)

Healing on The Streets – Starting again in September 2021, volunteers have been praying for an average of 10 people at their fortnightly session in the city centre. All prayer has been gratefully received.

Open Heaven – In June 2021, we supported and helped co-ordinate praying for every street in the city for the second year running. Over 1000 people have used The Open Heaven Prayer App and been involved to some extent in praying for our city in this way. The App has been downloaded and adapted for use in other cities such as Sheffield, Wakefield and Manchester.

HOPE@MotoFest – In June 2021 we organised a final Sunday service in Millennium Place attended by 150 at the end of a scaled down MotoFest Festival. Prayers of blessing were read out and sung for Coventry and its people.

Church Leaders' Lunches – 2 events (one on-line and one in person) have enabled church leaders to come together for a network event and engage in developing strategy to support social engagement activities in our city. In November 2021 "The Message Bus" (a converted double decker bus) was launched for use in detached youth work across the Coventry and Warwickshire Diocese with our partners, Together for Change.

Partnership working
The trustees intend to continue HOPE Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives. We have worked in partnership with the following:

- Over 70 + Churches from all denominations in the city
- Official Affiliates -Together for Change, Feed The Hungry, The Lighthouse, Radio Plus, Embrace, Street Pastors,

Other organisations we have worked with in 2021:

Coventry City Council – Adult Social Care
Warwickshire County Council
Public Health Coventry - Community Messengers
NHS – GP Surgeries and Adult Social Prescribers
Coventry C of E Diocese, Bishop of Coventry
Hope into Action
Motofest
City Vision
HOPE Together
Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer

Grants and Funding for Good Neighbours
The Good Neighbours Project has received significant funding from Coventry City Council since 2016 as the main contributory funder with other significant funds being provided by Independent Age, The Eveson Trust along with smaller grants from local charities.

Financial review

During the period, Hope Coventry's income amounted to £273,484. Expenses amounted to £237,454 so that Hope Coventry's surplus for the year was £36,030 (2020 £152)

The trustees have a policy of not entering into financial commitments without knowing where the funding will come from. In view of that, the aim is to maintain cash reserves equivalent to at least three months expenditure from general fund, or an estimate of the closure costs of (staff redundancy etc.) of the charity, whichever is higher.

Where staff are funded by a restricted fund a similar policy will be adopted for cash held in the restricted fund.

At the 31 December 2021 the total funds available was £198,962, of which £53,179 was unrestricted and £145,783 was restricted.

The trustees have in place procedures, policies and risk assessment to fulfil their governance role and responsibilities.

The trustees intend to continue Hope Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives.

Structure, governance and management

Hope Coventry became a Registered Charity on the 24th February 2014 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prior to that date it operated as an Unincorporated Voluntary Body since 27 November 2013. The assets of the former unincorporated voluntary body were transferred to Hope Coventry on 24 February 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021)	
Mr A Hillier	
Mr G Kibble (Secretary)	(Resigned 16 September 2021)
Pastor E Etomi	
Mr A Ormes	
Mr D Mayhew (Chair during the financial year)	(Resigned 16 September 2021)
Mr A Simpkins	
Mrs R Nelson	(Resigned 14 January 2021)
Revd D Hammond	
Mr J Scouller	
Mrs A Harris	(Appointed 16 September 2021)

Appointments are made following application, confirmation of skills to assist the Charity in the fulfilment of its objectives and adherence to the Statement of Faith.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic management of Hope Coventry, the management of its funds, the preparation and management of the budget and for advising and reporting on all Hope Coventry's operational activities. Only the trustees have the right to vote in Hope Coventry's decision-making process.

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches have donated approximately £8,100 (2020 : £6,766) in total to the work of the charity.

During 2021 our staff and volunteer base and commitment has enabled us to successfully sustain a quality service developing successful support across our projects in the face of adversity and difficulties presented by the ongoing impact of the pandemic. We are extremely appreciative for the individual financial donations, the significant number of Coventry Churches who give of their time and finances towards serving the city and the grant funding received during the year through Hope Coventry.

We look forward to serving in 2021 and beyond.

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

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Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021)
Trustee
Dated: ..... 7th July 2022

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE COVENTRY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Coventry Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Debra Knighton FCCA

Debra Knighton FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

3 Coventry Innovation Village
Cheetah Road
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CV1 2TL

Dated: 19 July 2022

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	20,209	54,082	74,291	27,124	119,314	146,438
Charitable activities	**4**	9,903	189,580	199,483	1,200	122,699	123,899
Investments	**5**	4	-	4	63	-	63
Total income		30,116	243,662	273,778	28,387	242,013	270,400
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**6**	146	14	160	159	1,020	1,179
Charitable activities	**7**	47,435	186,823	234,258	48,482	178,331	226,813
Other	**11**	3,317	12	3,329	3,314	38,942	42,256
Total expenditure		50,898	186,849	237,747	51,955	218,293	270,248
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(20,782)	56,813	36,031	(23,568)	23,720	152
Gross transfers between funds		44,761	(44,761)	-	36,212	(36,212)	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		23,979	12,052	36,031	12,644	(12,492)	152
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		29,200	133,732	162,932	16,556	146,224	162,780
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		53,179	145,784	198,963	29,200	133,732	162,932

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		619		773
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	3,365		1,015	
Cash at bank and in hand		199,258		165,563	
		202,623		166,578	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(4,279)		(4,419)	
Net current assets			198,344		162,159
Total assets less current liabilities			198,963		162,932
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**15**		145,784		133,732
Unrestricted funds			53,179		29,200
			198,963		162,932

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ..... 7th July 2022

.....
Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021)
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Hope Coventry became a Registered Charity on the 24th February 2014 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prior to that date it operated as an Unincorporated Voluntary Body since 27 November 2013. The assets of the former unincorporated voluntary body were transferred to Hope Coventry on 24 February 2014.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have assessed the charitable company's situation including the COVID-19 pandemic and the likely impact on the charitable company. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources and working capital to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future including dealing with the issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Donated services are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

1.5 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries and their associated support costs. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative costs, finance and governance costs which support the charity's activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Computers	20% reducing balance

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

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activity.

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	**2021**	**2021**	2020	2020	2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	20,098	49,660	69,758	25,709	114,524	140,233
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	111	4,422	4,533	1,415	4,790	6,205
	20,209	54,082	74,291	27,124	119,314	146,438

4 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Performance related grants	199,189	123,899
Other income	294	-
	199,483	123,899
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	9,903	1,200
Restricted funds	189,580	122,699
	199,483	123,899

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	4	63

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	**2021**	**2021**	2020	2020	2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fundraising and publicity						
Advertising	146	14	160	159	1,020	1,179
	146	14	160	159	1,020	1,179

7 Charitable activities

	2021	**2020**
	£	**£**
Staff costs	193,544	172,135
Depreciation and impairment	154	193
CAP Fees	7,050	7,800
Consultancy fees	390	7,032
Printing, postage and stationery	1,368	4,087
Telephone and computer charges	5,407	6,535
Ministry expenses	7,743	1,310
Insurance	877	833
Rent and rates	8,820	8,243
Repairs and maintenance	1,866	724
Heat, light and power	45	275
Refreshments	14	31
Moving on costs	-	2,520
Travelling	698	1,620
Donations	2,700	700
Sundry expenses	1,272	1,191
UK Entertainment and room hire	-	690
	231,948	215,919
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	2,310	10,894
	234,258	226,813
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	47,435	48,482
Restricted funds	186,823	178,331
	234,258	226,813

8 Grants payable

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Age UK	-	7,250
Christ the King	-	1,000
Limbrick Baptist Church	-	800
St Osburgs	-	650
	-	671
House of Empowerment	-	500
Other	2,310	23
	2,310	10,894

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2020: None).

None of the trustees were reimbursed any expenses during the year (2020: None).

Payments of £987 (2020 : £2,141) for accounting services provided to the charity have been made to Mozaic Innovate Limited, a company owned by a trustee. The trustee resigned in September 2021 and the arrangement with Mozaic Innovate Limited ceased in July 2021.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
	15	12

Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	193,544	172,135

11 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
			£			£
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	120	1,992	2,112
Accountancy and book keeping	2,703	-	2,703	3,123	3,967	7,090
Good Neighbours shopping	-	-	-	-	32,917	32,917
Financing costs	2	12	14	31	66	97
Other expenditure	612	-	612	40	-	40
	3,317	12	3,329	3,314	38,942	42,256

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	1,509
At 31 December 2021	1,509
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	736
Depreciation charged in the year	154
At 31 December 2021	890
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	619
At 31 December 2020	773

13 Debtors

	2021	2020
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	3,365	1,015

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	2,513	3,489
Accruals and deferred income	1,766	930
	4,279	4,419

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Coventry Winter Night Shelter	51,568	15,571	(31,264)	(13,822)	22,053	3	(98)	(21,958)	-
CAP - Debt Counselling	13,884	28,405	(31,513)	(748)	10,028	46,807	(38,388)	(1,936)	16,511
Prayer House	649	5,954	(4,735)	(426)	1,442	6,519	(5,512)	(155)	2,294
Motofest	429	170	-	(320)	279	1,810	(1,610)	(10)	469
Healing on the Streets	813	369	(200)	(28)	954	-	(363)	(7)	584
Bardsley Work Club	1,428	2,040	(2,388)	(151)	929	11,254	(8,908)	(76)	3,199
Open Heaven	-	5,900	(4,514)	-	1,386	1,250	(1,293)	(135)	1,208
Good Neighbours	77,453	183,813	(143,888)	(20,717)	96,661	164,246	(123,703)	(19,833)	117,371
GN Bedworth	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	(1,451)	(652)	897
CAP Jubilee	-	-	-	-	-	8,774	(5,523)	-	3,251
	146,224	242,222	(218,502)	(36,212)	133,732	243,663	(186,849)	(44,762)	145,784

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021	**Restricted funds 2021**	**Total 2021**	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	226	393	619	282	491	773
Current assets/ (liabilities)	52,954	145,390	198,344	28,918	133,241	162,159
	53,180	145,783	198,963	29,200	133,732	162,932

17 Related party transactions

Payments of £987 (2020 : £2,141) for accounting services provided to the charity have been made to Mozaic Innovate Limited, a company owned by a trustee. The trustee resigned in September 2021 and the arrangement with Mozaic Innovate Limited ceased in July 2021.

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches have donated approximately £8,100 (2020 : £6,766) in total to the work of the charity.

During the 1st Covid 19 Lockdown, a trustee was contracted by Hope Coventry to undertake financial administration in excess of their role as trustee. For this they received payments totalling £2,741. This was funded by various charitable grants. But for their estimated individual tax obligation on this income, a sum of £2,200 was donated by them to Hope Coventry and forms a part of the income to the unrestricted General Fund.
No payments were made during 2021.

HOPE COVENTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1155912

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1155912

HOPE COVENTRY

A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021) A Hillier (Treasurer) G Kibble (Secretary) Pastor E Etomi A Ormes D Mayhew (Chair during the financial year) A Simpkins R Nelson Revd D Hammond J Scouller
Charity number	1155912
Principal address	Hope Offices c/o The Halo Centre Progress Way Coventry CV3 2NT
Independent examiner	Debra Knighton FCCA Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited 3 Coventry Innovation Village Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL
Solicitors	Rotherhams 8 & 9 The Quadrant Coventry CV1 2EG

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
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HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Hope Coventry's aims and objectives are primarily to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Charity's Statement of Faith, in particular but not exclusively, by:
a) proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.
b) demonstrating, promoting and encouraging Christian values including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all people in Coventry, Warwickshire and beyond.

It also aims to relieve poverty, need and sickness in Coventry and elsewhere as the trustees decide through the provision of education and practical action, working with those affected either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Charity's principle activities are:

- Providing a night shelter for rough sleepers in the winter months (Closed March 2020)
- Operating a befriending service **"Good Neighbours"** for vulnerable and isolated older people in partnership with charity Together for Change.
- Providing prayer for anyone who wants it, including for healing and life circumstances. (**Healing on The Streets, HOTs**)
- Organising a family celebration for all in the city centre as part of a wider festival Motofest. **Hope@Motofest**
- Supervising Employment Training via a Work Club Service (Closed July 2020)
- Overseeing the **Coventry Prayer House** and supporting prayer initiatives in the city
- Operating Coventry Debt Centre (a branch of **CAP: Christians Against Poverty**)
- Providing church leaders with connection opportunities especially through hosting twice yearly conferences

In the year, grants made related to the work of the Coventry Winter Night Shelter and Good Neighbours Coventry only and were managed by the project Steering Committees. Predominately they related to:

- the funding of the individual church based venues for the Night Shelter
- the funding of micro grants by Together for Change to individual groups to support activities that bring about change to the lives of those isolated of older people in Coventry
- the active support of Age UK in the activities involved in the running of the Good Neighbours Coventry project.

Grants are made specifically to organisations and individuals that further the objectives of the charity.

Our volunteers number over 700+ individuals who serve the people of our city through various projects. We are also grateful for the individual financial donations and the significant number of Coventry Churches who give of their time and finances towards serving the city through Hope Coventry.

Achievements and performance

Hope Coventry

It is evident that with continual changes in society due to COVID that HOPE Coventry has faced numerous opportunities and challenges to its projects. Our **Good Neighbours** project has been the main focus for our operations from March to December 2020 growing to 3 times the size in 9 months from 120 to over 300 older people befriended weekly. We have been commended by churches, council and clients for our response to older people, isolation and loneliness as we have sustained our service throughout the pandemic.

For other projects we have adapted our approach. As **The Prayer House and HOTs** are not operating by meeting in person, we helped organize and support **OPEN HEAVEN** in June 2020. During this event over 1000+ people prayed for every street in Coventry.

We continue to support **CAP** as a main project seeing 14 people become completely debt free in 2020, the best year yet.

We have shown ourselves to be adaptable and expand, renew, re-imagine our approaches to our work. We have built a significant brand in Good Neighbours flexibility serving through food distribution and connecting communities during the pandemic.

At the same time as one service grows exponentially, we have paused our work with the Homeless (**Coventry Winter Night Shelter**) and supporting the unemployed through a job club (**Hope into Work**).

In 2020 our move into our first bespoke office space at **The Halo Centre** has enabled us to access charity food distribution and partner with other organisations such as **Feed the Hungry** to relieve food poverty during the pandemic. We have distributed over 500+ food parcels to those in need.

We continue to retain our flexibility, and reimagine our approaches and "build partnerships, speak out and give hope".

Our staff team has grown to 14 with the use of temporary contracts to augment service delivery. All our staff team have gone beyond expectations to provide support for our projects and for this we are very grateful.

Below are more comprehensive details regarding our activities.

Coventry Winter Night Shelter

- In the annual report of 2020, we reported on the success of Coventry Winter Night Shelter summarised below for a period 1st December to 25th March 2020 which included 3 months of our 2020 accounting period
- The Winter Night Shelter has successfully provided 1,500 NIGHTS in emergency accommodation for 43 homeless adults across 8 venues.
- 33 GUESTS HAVE LEFT THE STREETS and moved into alternative accommodation from being in the shelter. 12 people were accommodated by the City Council.
- AN EXCELLENT QUALITY MARK was awarded by HOUSING JUSTICE after an independent external evaluation of the project.
- OVER 300 VOLUNTEERS have been mobilised to staff and provide support for the shelters, contributing 8,000 HOURS.
- The project SUCCEEDED in providing our homeless guests with a safe space and positive environment for 110 NIGHTS during the winter.
- EXCELLENT FEEDBACK has been received from guests and volunteers.
- In July 2020 due to the COVID crisis and imposed legal restrictions, a decision was made to suspend the shelter for the coming period December 2020-March 2021.
- From April – August 2021 the shelter was mothballed and reports written with one staff redundancy occurring in September 2020.
- Restricted funds that are unspent have been retained in an account for potential use in the future.

Good Neighbours Coventry
Throughout 2020 *Good Neighbours* has successfully repurposed, adapted and pivoted from being a simple befriending service that supported 120 older and isolated people to becoming an integral part of Coventry City Council's pandemic response for this group across the city. We have finished working together under the partnership agreement with Age UK and now provide the service ourselves supported by Together for Change.

We have become a first and last resort service for GPs, NHS social prescribers, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, and Adult Social Care – as well as being a 'go to' place for professionals seeking advice or signposting.

We have developed a specialist work for men with one coordinator appointed to focus on working with just men, who require considerable support to live life. Further specialist training has occurred in mental health and dementia to equip staff and volunteers in their roles. Our staff team and volunteers have been remarkable in their flexibility and commitment to older people, ensuring they stay safe, are fed, access medication, engage socially and improve well-being.

Following **Good Neighbours** successful shopping service in Lockdown 1, we partnered with Coventry City Council and *Feeding Coventry* to administer and deliver food parcels to the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable during Lockdown 2 and 3 (November 2020 and January 2021)

Our adaptation to respond to the pandemic has required increased staff hours across the *Good Neighbours* project. Grant funders including the City Council have enabled *Good Neighbours* to enhance our remit and extend our reach. Thanks to:

- Coventry City Council
- Heart of England Foundation
- National Lottery
- Independent Age
- 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
- SMB
- The Mary Robertson Trust
- Edith and Jack Griffiths Charitable Trust

Since April 2020 *Good Neighbours* has adapted our service to provide:

- Increased befriending response receiving 80 referrals per week in April
    - From April to Sept we received 840 new referrals for support which led to active support for 70% of these new clients (over 600)
- 400+ volunteers were mobilised to complete a wide range of bespoke client requests:
    - 750+ shopping trips were made for 180 new clients
    - £32,000 worth of shopping purchased, co-ordinated and delivered - ensuring clients did not go hungry
    - 130+ food parcels delivered
    - 112+ new people have been matched with a new phone befriender, their preferred method for reducing their social isolation
    - Multiple prescriptions collected and delivered to maintain physical well-being
    - 120+ new volunteers trained as befrienders

In addition, we responded to these requests:

- 40 under 50s served with food parcels (responding to Coventry City Resilience Team)
- 3,500 ready meals co-ordinated and delivered across Coventry to schools, care leavers, older people's groups

Coventry Debt Centre (CAP)
The Coventry CAP Debt Centre is one of over 300 debt centres across the UK. We work alongside around 17 local churches, to support people across our city who are struggling to become debt free. In 2020 over 40 families were supported to self-manage their debt and 17 families became debt free. We did see a reduction in demand because of lockdown but we have been able to secure funding to expand our work for the next 18 months+, as we know demand will increase significantly as the year progresses. To this end we have taken on a 4th Debt Coach and are looking at a number of other avenues to develop our support across Coventry.

Coventry Prayer House
The Prayer House continues to provide a place for anyone from any church to pray for our city, our region, our country and our world. In January 2020 its activities moved to the Old Bluecoat School however due to COVID restrictions activities moved on-line with a team of 15 continuing to meet and pray for the city on a regular basis.

Healing on the Streets
Healing on the Streets (HotS) offers prayer for anyone in an informal and caring format in the city centre four times a month. In 2020 from March the team have not conducted any face to face prayer due to COVID restrictions.

Hope @ Motofest
In 2020 due to restrictions imposed by the pandemic Motofest did not take place and therefore HOPE Coventry were unable to provide any activities in support of this cultural celebration.

Bardsley Work Club
During 2020, the client base became diminished due to the pandemic and although the service went on-line for some months, there were fewer interactions and impact became more limited. The decision was taken to close the Bardsley Work Club and all organisational aspects were completed by July 2020. It had been successful over a number of years in providing a route through to employment and now was the opportunity for a review of focus for HOPE Coventry.

Leaders Conferences
In March 2020 a conference for church leaders was held physically 2 weeks prior to the first pandemic lockdown giving church leaders opportunities to network and discuss relevant projects and the potential impact of COVID 19.

In November 2020 a further conference was attended on-line addressing important actions of churches working together during the pandemic.

Building partnerships
The trustees intend to continue Hope Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives. We have worked in partnership with the following:

- Over 70 + Churches from all denominations in the city
- Together for Change

Open Heaven
Open Heaven was a simple initiative, uniting Christians across the many churches of Coventry, to get out onto the streets of the city during the month of June 2020, as we raised the value of prayer together.

The initiative follows many years of prayer-walking in Coventry by some, and this first 'Open Heaven' initiative in June 2020, when every street in CV1-CV6 was covered in prayer. The initiative builds upon the existing work of unity among the churches of our city, exampled by prayer gatherings such as City Praise and Prayer, and a significant number of inter-church compassion and outreach projects that serve the city.

Active working engagement in 2020:

- Motofest
- Feeding Coventry
- Feed the Hungry
- NHS Social Prescribers, Social Services
- The Trussell Trust
- Several Coventry Schools
- Coventry C of E Diocese, Bishop of Coventry
- Catholic Diocese of Birmingham
- Coventry City Council, Community Messengers
- City Vision
- HOPE Together
- Sheffield / Wakefield/ churches together
- External Wall of Answered Prayer
- Nexus Institute of Creative Arts

Hope Coventry remains affiliated and has a memorandum of understanding with the following organisations.

- The Lighthouse
- Radio Plus
- Embrace
- Kidz Club
- Street Pastors
- Together for Change

Financial review

During the period, Hope Coventry's income amounted to £270,400. Expenses amounted to £270,248 so that Hope Coventry's surplus for the year was £152 (2019 £26,678)

The trustees have a policy of not entering into financial commitments without knowing where the funding will come from. In view of that, the aim is to maintain cash reserves equivalent to at least two months expenditure from general funds. At the 31 December 2020 the total funds available was £162,932, of which £29,200 was unrestricted and £133,732 was restricted.

The trustees have in place procedures, policies and risk assessment to fulfil their governance role and responsibilities.

The trustees intend to continue Hope Coventry's current activities whilst seeking further ways to achieve its aims and objectives.

Structure, governance and management

Hope Coventry became a Registered Charity on the 24th February 2014 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Prior to that date it operated as an Unincorporated Voluntary Body since 27 November 2013. The assets of the former unincorporated voluntary body were transferred to Hope Coventry on 24 February 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:
Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021)
A Hillier (Treasurer)
G Kibble (Secretary)
Pastor E Etomi
A Ormes
D Mayhew (Chair during the financial year)
A Simpkins
R Nelson
Revd D Hammond
J Scouller

Appointments are made following application, confirmation of skills to assist the Charity in the fulfilment of its objectives and adherence to the Statement of Faith.

The trustees are responsible for the strategic management of Hope Coventry, the management of its funds, the preparation and management of the budget and for advising and reporting on all Hope Coventry's operational activities. Only the trustees have the right to vote in Hope Coventry's decision-making process.

Payments of £2,141 (2019 : £1,721) for accounting services provided to the charity have been made to Mozaic Innovate Limited, a company owned by a trustee.

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches have donated approximately £6,766 (2019 : £6,970) in total to the work of the charity.

One of the trustees is a director of Coventry Motofest Limited to which a donation of £Nil (2019 - £4,000) was made in support of the festival held in 2019, at which the charity provided activities for children and promoted the work of Hope Coventry.

During the 1st Covid 19 Lockdown, a trustee was contracted by Hope Coventry to undertake financial administration in excess of their role as trustee. For this they received payments totalling £2,741. This was funded by various charitable grants. But for their estimated individual tax obligation on this income, a sum of £2,200 was donated by them to Hope Coventry and forms a part of the income to the unrestricted General Fund

During 2020 over 1000 different people have volunteered to serve the people of our city through HOPE Coventry's various projects. This volunteer base and commitment across the year has enabled us to successfully navigate our way through the pandemic and provide a quality service to over 900 people across our projects. We are grateful for the individual financial donations, the significant number of Coventry Churches who give of their time and finances towards serving the city and the grant funding received during the year through Hope Coventry.

We look to serving in 2021 and beyond.

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

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Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021)
Trustee
Dated: 8/7/21

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPE COVENTRY

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hope Coventry Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Debra Knighton FCCA
Spencer Gardner Dickins Limited

3 Coventry Innovation Village
Cheetah Road
Coventry
CV1 2TL

Dated: 20 July 2021.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	27,124	119,314	146,438	15,522	129,540	145,062
Charitable activities	4	1,200	122,699	123,899	-	115,100	115,100
Investments	5	63	-	63	53	-	53
Total income		28,387	242,013	270,400	15,575	244,640	260,215
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	159	1,020	1,179	938	621	1,559
Charitable activities	7	48,482	178,331	226,813	38,716	192,100	230,816
Other	11	3,314	38,942	42,256	878	284	1,162
Total resources expended		51,955	218,293	270,248	40,532	193,005	233,537
Net (outgoing)/ incoming resources before transfers		(23,568)	23,720	152	(24,957)	51,635	26,678
Gross transfers between funds		36,212	(36,212)	-	20,516	(20,516)	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		12,644	(12,492)	152	(4,441)	31,119	26,678
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		16,556	146,224	162,780	20,997	115,104	136,101
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		29,200	133,732	162,932	16,556	146,223	162,779

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

HOPE COVENTRY
A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**12**		773		966
Current assets					
Debtors	**13**	1,015		1,149	
Cash at bank and in hand		165,563		164,503	
		166,578		165,652	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**14**	(4,419)		(3,839)	
Net current assets			162,159		161,813
Total assets less current liabilities			162,932		162,779
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**15**		133,732		146,223
Unrestricted funds			29,200		16,556
			162,932		162,779

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8/7/21

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Mrs E Storey (Chair from 14 January 2021)
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

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1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have assessed the charitable company's situation including the COVID-19 pandemic and the likely impact on the charitable company. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources and working capital to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future including dealing with the issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

1.4 Income

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

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Donated services are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of service provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

1.5 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries and their associated support costs. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administrative costs, finance and governance costs which support the charity's activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Computers	20% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activity.

1.10 Employee benefits

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

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

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	**2020**	**2020**	2019	2019	2019
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	25,709	114,524	140,233	15,411	125,179	140,590
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	1,415	4,790	6,205	111	4,361	4,472
	27,124	119,314	146,438	15,522	129,540	145,062

4 Charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Performance related grants	123,899	115,100
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	1,200	-
Restricted funds	122,699	115,100
	123,899	115,100

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable	63	53

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	**2020**	**2020**	2019	2019	2019
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fundraising and publicity						
Advertising	159	1,020	1,179	938	621	1,559
	159	1,020	1,179	938	621	1,559

7 Charitable activities

	2020	**2019**
	£	**£**
Staff costs	172,135	133,621
Depreciation and impairment	193	242
CAP Fees	7,800	9,450
Consultancy fees	7,032	15,880
Printing, postage and stationery	4,087	600
Telephone and computer charges	6,535	1,211
Ministry expenses	1,310	5,442
Insurance	833	803
Rent and rates	8,243	5,250
Repairs and maintenance	724	1,194
Heat, light and power	275	1,290
Refreshments	31	1,285
Moving on costs	2,520	7,595
Travelling	1,620	2,480
Donations	700	-
Sundry expenses	1,191	543
UK Entertainment and room hire	690	1,278
	215,919	188,164
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	10,894	42,652
	226,813	230,816
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	48,482	38,716
Restricted funds	178,331	192,100
	226,813	230,816

8 Grants payable

	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants to institutions:		
Age UK	7,250	28,750
Christ the King	1,000	-
Limbrick Baptist Church	800	-
St Osburgs	650	-
Together for Change	671	5,598
House of Empowerment	500	-
Other	23	2,314
St Columbas	-	5,990
	10,894	42,652

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year (2019: None).

None of the trustees were reimbursed any expenses during the year (2019: None).

Payments of £2,141 (2019 : £1,721) for accounting services provided to the charity have been made to Mozaic Innovate Limited, a company owned by a trustee.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020	2019
	Number	Number
	12	10

Employment costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	172,135	133,621

11 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
			£			£
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
Legal and professional fees	120	1,992	2,112	276	241	517
Accountancy and book keeping	3,123	3,967	7,090	600	-	600
Good Neighbours shopping	-	32,917	32,917	-	-	-
Financing costs	31	66	97	2	22	24
Other expenditure	40	-	40	-	21	21
	3,314	38,942	42,256	878	284	1,162

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	1,509
At 31 December 2020	1,509
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2020	543
Depreciation charged in the year	193
At 31 December 2020	736
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	773
At 31 December 2019	966

13 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	1,015	1,149

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	3,489	3,178
Accruals and deferred income	930	661
	4,419	3,839

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Coventry Winter Night Shelter	60,818	57,478	(57,638)	(9,090)	51,568	15,571	(31,264)	(13,822)	22,053
CAP - Debt Counselling	18,213	24,796	(28,314)	(811)	13,884	28,405	(31,513)	(748)	10,028
Prayer House	(100)	7,856	(7,052)	(55)	649	5,954	(4,735)	(426)	1,442
Motofest	1,399	4,353	(5,191)	(132)	429	170	-	(320)	279
Healing on the Streets	430	608	(11)	(214)	813	369	(200)	(28)	954
Bardsley Work Club	1,946	2,000	(2,518)	-	1,428	2,040	(2,388)	(151)	929
Open Heaven	-	-	-	-	-	5,900	(4,514)	-	1,386
Good Neighbours	32,398	147,550	(92,282)	(10,214)	77,453	183,813	(143,888)	(20,717)	96,661
	115,104	244,641	(193,006)	(20,516)	146,224	242,222	(218,502)	(36,212)	133,732

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020	**Restricted funds 2020**	**Total 2020**	Unrestricted funds 2019	Restricted funds 2019	Total 2019
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	282	491	773	352	614	966
Current assets/ (liabilities)	28,918	133,241	162,159	16,204	145,609	161,813
	29,200	133,732	162,932	16,556	146,223	162,779

17 Related party transactions

Payments of £2,141 (2019 : £1,721) for accounting services provided to the charity have been made to Mozaic Innovate Limited, a company owned by a trustee.

Five of the trustees are leaders of churches in the city. Those churches that have donated approximately £6,766 (2019 : £6,970) in total to the work of the charity.

One of the trustees is a director of Coventry Motofest Limited to which a donation of £Nil (2019 - £4,000) was made in support of the festival held in 2019, at which the charity provided activities for children and promoted the work of Hope Coventry.

During the 1st Covid 19 Lockdown, a trustee was contracted by Hope Coventry to undertake financial administration in excess of their role as trustee. For this they received payments totalling £2,741. This was funded by various charitable grants. But for their estimated individual tax obligation on this income, a sum of £2,200 was donated by them to Hope Coventry and forms a part of the income to the unrestricted General Fund