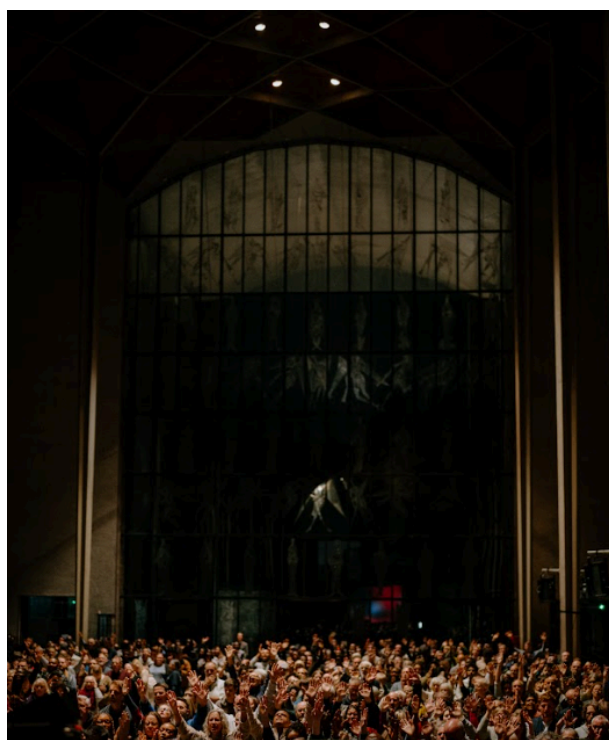


Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2025



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

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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 Styvechale, 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, bespoke-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

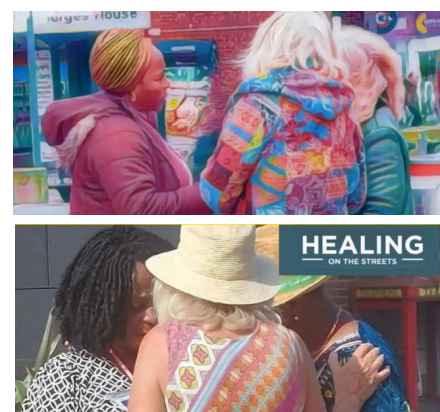
The No More Knives Tour (part of The Message Trust) visited 4 specifically selected Coventry schools in March 2025. In partnership with West Midlands Police, Coventry City Council, Child Friendly Cov, WMCA Violence Reduction Partnership and local churches, the tour visited 4460 young people across Blue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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Simpkins', written in a cursive style.

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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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

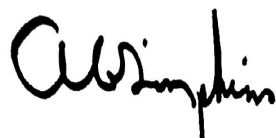
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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.

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

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
3 Donations and Legacies				
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
	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
4 Income from Charitable Activities				
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
	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
5 Income from Investments				
Bank / Deposit Interest	4,131	-	4,131	4,014
	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
6 Other Income				
Other Income	-	-	-	1,637
	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
7 Raising Funds				
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

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Expenditure on Charitable				
8 Activities	£	£	£	£
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
	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
9 Other Costs	£	£	£	£
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

	2025	2024
	£	£
10 Staff Costs		
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	Computer s £	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

	2025	2024
	£	£
12 Debtors		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>5,266</u>	<u>6,697</u>
	<u>5,266</u>	<u>6,697</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
13 Creditors		
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	<u>660</u>	<u>730</u>
	<u>3,381</u>	<u>3,799</u>

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 (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

	Balance as at 01/01/2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31/12/2025 £
16 Movement of Funds					
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

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
17 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds				
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

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Note				
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