

The Hope Trust - Charity No: 1159866

Vision - Helping Older People

Registered Office: Maidstone Hall, 127 Maidstone Rd, Felixstowe IP11 9EE

Trustees Annual Report for the financial year 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

Trustees

Dr Anne Fenning (Chair)

Dr Terry Smith (Deputy Chair)

Miss Julia Hancock

Rev Trevor Harris

Rev David White (appointed 28th September 2021)

Review of The Year

This last year has seen us emerge from the restrictions of Covid, restart most of our activities and encourage our clients / guests to rejoin us. The pace of this has been varied with some returning early on glad to receive the support we were offering others have shielded for longer. The return of our volunteers has also been variable.

During this last year we have said farewell to Paul and Sheila Taylor who as our Pastoral Workers have made a great impact on all that Hope Trust has done over many years. We wish them a long and happy retirement. In January 2022 we welcomed Tracy Haskins to our staff team as Charity Manager. Tracy has made a great start in running our various events with the help of our amazing and much appreciated volunteers.

Why we do what we do.

Charitable Objects and Activities:

1. To provide relief to older people (regardless of faith or ethnicity) through the provision of practical and spiritual assistance.
2. To promote the Christian Faith primarily for the benefit of older people in residential or care homes by the provision of practical and spiritual assistance in line with our statement of faith.

How we achieve our Objectives.

The strategic plan has had to take a back seat, but the overarching priorities of Building Community, Sharing Information, Opportunity for Faith and Making it all Happen, are kept in mind.

By Building Community Better

Our support services reopened on 19th April amongst Covid security. A lot of cleaning took place but a balance had to be struck between mask wearing, communication and keeping everyone safe. We have concentrated on our services which encourage and develop

community and connection. Since Freedom Day on 19th July some of our more social events have restarted at the very firm request of our guests. The film event restarted in October after a delegation from the guests although it was agreed that shared meals were not possible. We have had good numbers of attendees across all our regular events. Some people were very keen to come back to events other have taken more time to do so. Some have only started coming again in February or March and were still very anxious and in need of support and encouragement. They soon relaxed and enjoyed the conversation, company and cup of tea. Some have learnt how to play new games like cribbage and some have reignited their scrabble passions. Some of their feedback gathered in February 2021 when we asked them why they came was:

'The best day of the week'

'I come for company and friendship'

'Stimulation and fun'

'I have made new friends'

'I really struggled on my own until I found Hope Trust'

'To get out and meet people, who are now my friends'

The bereavement course ran in September 2021 although numbers were low. There were no enquiries in the Spring.

The visits to the Hut on the seafront were again cancelled and carried over to 2022.

Our 1:1 befriending service was able to support two people with visits in their homes following restrictions lifting in July.

By Sharing Information Better

The charity continues to purchase an advert, and accompanying article, in the local Flyer magazine. With a large circulation it covers the town and surrounding area and this continues to be a useful method of communicating the charity's story. Several people have contacted us or attended one of our events as they have seen our magazine article and wanted to come and see what we do.

We have continued to maintain our local profile in the community by attending local meetings or forums. Shelia supported the work of the Compassionate Communities initiative, and we took part in an exhibition in the library showing how we have been able to support conversations around the end of life when they are wanted.

We continue to use our website and Facebook to promote our activities and let more people know we are here and we post monthly blogs onto the website.

During 2021/22 some very loyal volunteers have continued to support us either at our activity sessions, 1-1 visits or serving as trustees. We ensured we kept them regularly updated and gave them all a small gift and card at Christmas to thank them for their work.

We have also seen some volunteers step down due to their own health issues during the last year.

We have continued to keep financial supporters updated throughout the year.

Opportunity for Sharing Faith Better

It is worth noting that the biggest area of work impossible to resume has been the taking of services into Residential Homes, either by us or the Songbirds group; a further DVD was delivered to the homes on Remembrance Sunday which has been added to the collection recorded and filmed by Paul Taylor and much appreciated and used by the residential homes.

Making it all Happen Better

The ambition of this priority is to make sure that we continue to grow our volunteer base, keep the Charity looking for new initiatives, ensure emerging technological needs are met while at the same time meeting our statutory and community responsibilities.

As reported above, the Charity has now employed a full time Charity Manager and has plans to appoint an assistant in the near future.

Much of the ongoing work of the Charity relies heavily on the support of the 16 volunteers (including our Trustees), currently serving the Hope Trust. Their support is vital. We know that when the volunteer role is done well, the weekly sessions run more smoothly.

Each volunteer who has significant access to older people, was required to hold a valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate and annual certificate checks continued.

Public Benefit

All activities are open to people aged 50+ irrespective of gender or faith, in addition, all activities over the time span of this report covers were free of charge to those who attended.

Financial Review:

During this financial year we have continued to receive regular support from (6) local churches and 12 individuals. Golden Sunset Trust were able to provide the majority of the other funding needed to meet last year's budget.

During the period of this report, we also received:

1. Donation of £600 from Viking estate agents
2. East Suffolk rates allowance £10,000
3. A number of smaller one-off donations from local organizations & people

Pension auto enrolment continues with the administration of this, salaries and CJRS undertaken by an outside contractor. A Computerised financial system and regular Trustee meetings enable staff & Trustees to have visibility of the charity's finances.

Charity Structure:

The Hope Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and maintains strong links with The Golden Sunset Trust (GST) with one Trustee, currently Dr Anne Fenning, continuing to serve as a Trustee of both charities.

Trustees are appointed by the current Trustees team, with one new Trustee appointed in 2021. Work was undertaken by the Trustees to ensure that all relevant policies and procedures were reviewed and updated to be compliant with current legislation.

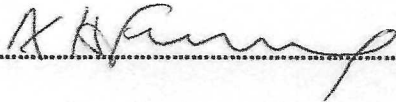
The budget for April 2021-March 22 was approved at the trustees meeting on April 26th, 2021.

Beaton's continue to be appointed as the Independent Examiners for the charity.

The reserve Policy figure remain at £20k, which equates to 3 months of operational costs.

The trustees are delighted with the start that our new manager has made in guiding the organization.

Signed:



Dr AH Fenning - Chair of Trustees – The Hope Trust
Sand Croft, Mill Road, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5TA

Date: 26.7.22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Hope Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2022 which is set out on form CC16a.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives 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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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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14 September 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name The Hope Trust	No (if any) 1159866
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a


For the period from	Period start date 01.04.21	To	Period end date 31.03.22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Golden Sunset Homes Trust Donations	41,580		-	41,580	5,106
Other Donations	10,323		-	10,323	43,381
Speaking	310		-	310	450
Investment Income	5		-	5	14
Fund Raising	1,279		-	1,279	121
Rentals	110		-	110	-
Gift Aid Tax Refund	522		-	522	620
Grants received		7,537	-	7,537	18,189
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,129	7,537	-	61,666	67,881
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	54,129	7,537	-	61,666	67,881
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	38,052	7,287	-	45,339	51,190
Employer NI			-	-	414
Travelling	583		-	583	351
Insurance	752		-	752	747
Advertising	1,252		-	1,252	1,044
Office Costs	3,213	250	-	3,463	3,297
Utilities	1,772		-	1,772	1,295
Miscellaneous	2,761		-	2,761	1,748
Property	2,091		-	2,091	1,010
Project	44		-	44	469
Sub total	50,520	7,537	-	58,057	61,565
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	50,520	7,537	-	58,057	61,565
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,609	-	-	3,609	6,316
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,261	-	-	39,261	32,945
Cash funds this year end	42,870	-	-	42,870	39,261

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	42,732	-	-
	Petty Cash	138	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,870	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	General Computer and Office Equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		T. F. Smith	14/09/2022