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Cathedral to their Christmas market which gave everyone the chance to explore both the magnificent building and see all the craft and food stands as well as the city itself. We went with a group to hear a Glen Miller band at the Spa theatre for some jazz. In December we did a Christmas lights tour of the best and brightest lights around the area. We also kept the Christmas spirit going by taking a trip to The Wolsey theatre in Ipswich for their rock and roll panto which was full of fun. We gave people the opportunity to go to Martlesham for a lunch and shopping trip, making room for several full shopping trolleys on the return journey. Our final trip in this period was to a converted barn café for another lovely meal followed by time at a nearby garden center for people to buy or browse all the plants.

All the meals and trips out have been appreciated by those going and people are often looking forward to where they will be able to go next.

Our 1:1 befriending service was able to support two people with visits in their homes during the last year. Additionally, we have been able to continue to visit three people who use our services but have not been able to attend due to mobility or ongoing sickness issues. This has helped them feel less isolated and still connected to the Trust.

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 proves to be a useful method of communicating what the charity is doing. This is a good way of letting people know about us and we have had several new arrivals coming after reading one of these articles.

We have continued to maintain our local profile, taking part in several charity and church events and speaking at local groups when requested.

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.

We continue to have some very loyal volunteers who have continued to support us either at our activity sessions, 1-1 visits or serving as Trustees. Although our volunteer numbers remain low, we have had three new people join our team this year. We made sure we kept the volunteers regularly updated and completed some health and safety and food handling training with them during the year. We gave them all a token gift and card at Christmas to thank them for all their hard work.

Again, this year we took part in the Christmas tree festival at the Salvation Army. We decorated the tree with hundreds of miniature paperchains with the theme of connections, to show how Hope Trust connects people to others and to all the other groups and support available in Felixstowe.

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

Opportunity for Sharing Faith Better

We have continued our work with one residential home in Felixstowe who support the frail elderly including those with dementia. We assist the home by providing a monthly services for their residents. The home is very welcoming and the residents appear to really enjoy singing all the older hymns, hearing a short talk and praying together. It is lovely to be able to support both the residents and the home by doing this. One of our Trustees assists by leading these services with our Charity Manager.

Making it all Happen Better

We want to continue to grow our team of volunteers, keep the Charity looking for new initiatives, ensure emerging technological needs are met while at the same time meeting our statutory and community responsibilities.

The day-to-day running of the charity is led by the Charity Manager and her assistant. This allows two staff to be present at most activity sessions making them easier to manage and give support to the volunteers, as well as allowing more time to speak to new people coming in or people who are struggling and need that time to talk.

We are so thankful to our group of 10 committed volunteers (including our Trustees). They make such a difference to the smooth running of the service and all, in their own way, make such a difference whether it is making drinks, playing games, chatting to people. They all bring something different and their own life experience into their roles.

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

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, with the exception of meals and trips out.

Financial Review:

During this financial year we have continued to receive regular support from (6) local churches and 6 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. East Suffolk rates allowance £1305
2. A number of smaller one-off donations from local organizations & people
3. Two bequests totaling £22,136

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, Dr Anne Fenning, serving as a Trustee of both charities.

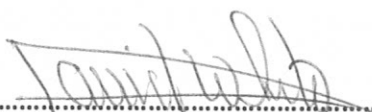
Trustees are appointed by the current Trustees team, Wendy Horrex was appointed into the team in April 2023 as a new Trustee. Work was undertaken by the Trustees to ensure that all relevant policies and procedures were reviewed and updated to be compliant with current legislation.

The budget for the year was approved at the Trustees meeting on 21st April 2023.

Beaton's continue to be appointed as the Independent Examiners for the charity. The reserve Policy figure was increased to £22k in April 2023, which equates to 3 months of operational costs.

The trustees are encouraged by the continued progress being made to provide opportunities for older people to enjoy the company of others and build community.

Signed:



Rev David White: 154 Colneis Road, Felixstowe IP11 9LQ

Date: 26th July 2024

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 2024 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.

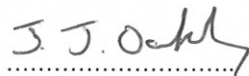
Basis of independent examiner's report

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.


J. J. Oakley F.C.A

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18 October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Hope Trust

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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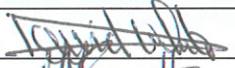
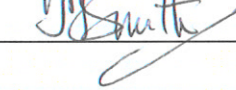
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.23		31.03.24

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	42,264	-	-	42,264	41,258
Other Donations	7,506	-	-	7,506	6,898
Legacy	21,636	-	-	21,636	-
Speaking	30	-	-	30	60
Investment Income	1,160	-	-	1,160	269
Fund Raising	2,538	1,612	-	4,150	1,482
Hall Hire	110	-	-	110	-
Gift Aid Tax Refund	265	-	-	265	278
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	75,509	1,612	-	77,121	50,245
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	75,509	1,612	-	77,121	50,245
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	37,041	-	-	37,041	32,444
Employer NI	-	-	-	-	-
Travelling	35	-	-	35	152
Insurance	794	-	-	794	782
Advertising	1,209	-	-	1,209	1,188
Office Costs	4,100	-	-	4,100	3,365
Utilities	1,647	-	-	1,647	3,359
Miscellaneous	4,906	-	-	4,906	3,424
Property	2,118	-	-	2,118	2,867
Project	1,221	1,612	-	2,833	444
Sub total	53,070	1,612	-	54,683	48,025
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,070	1,612	-	54,683	48,025
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,438	-	0	22,438	2,220
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,090	-	-	45,090	42,870
Cash funds this year end	67,528	-	0	67,528	45,090

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	66,874	-	-
	Petty Cash	381	-	-
	Recoverable Gift Aid	272	-	-
	Total cash funds	67,528	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	General Computer and Office Equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		DAVID WHITE	18/10/2024
		TERRY SMITH	18/10/2024