

**Registered Charity Number: 1167593**



**Health, Opportunity, Peace, Education**

**We believe everyone has the right to live in H.O.P.E**

**Trustees Annual Report & Accounts**

**Financial Year Ending 30th December 2023**



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## Message from the CEO

As the newly appointed CEO of To Live in H.O.P.E. (March 2023), I'm incredibly proud to be part of an organization dedicated to supporting people in Ghana. We focus on improving clean water and sanitation, enhancing education access for girls, and developing employment opportunities for those who missed out on education, helping many support their families and reduce extreme poverty.

Ghana faced significant challenges in 2022-2023 due to fiscal deficits, public debt, COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, and global monetary tightening. This led to a loss of investor confidence, currency depreciation, and rising inflation. Cuts in public spending have severely impacted essential services like healthcare and school feeding programs, affecting vulnerable communities. Fundraising has also declined due to hybrid working and a struggling global economy.

Despite these challenges, we've had a strong year. With increased social media presence, a new board of trustees, and more volunteers, we've rapidly increased our income, allowing us to expand our vital support. We have ambitious plans for 2023-2024, with new projects and ongoing support for existing ones, and I'm excited to see our growth.

Key areas that set us apart:

- **Dedication to Our Work:** Our volunteers are incredibly dedicated, giving up many hours to support and grow our initiatives.
- **A Dedicated Team in Ghana:** Our team in Ghana works closely with the community to develop needed projects, ensuring sustainable futures as they are managed by the community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities before us. We recognize the challenges that persist, but we are confident in our ability to overcome them.

I want to thank all our volunteers, fundraisers, and trustees, with special thanks to Sumillion for their time, volunteering hours, social media support, fundraising, and monetary contributions. This vital support has allowed our charity to grow. Special thanks also to:

- Ashworth Charitable Trust for £5,000 for our water project
- The William Leech Charity for £10,470 for our menstruation project
- Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity for £9,500 for our seamstress project
- Book Cycle for continued support with book donations
- Umar Malik and his community for ongoing support and fundraising

This support has enabled us to offer the best service possible under difficult, unpredictable circumstances.

2022/23 has been a very challenging year for everyone, but I believe we rose to the challenges and will do so again in the coming financial year. I look forward to developing new ideas and plans in 2023/24. It is an exciting time for To Live in H.O.P.E. with the

appointment of a new CEO and trustee team, and we are looking to expand our projects and fundraising to achieve more in the upcoming year.

Jayne Bristow  
Chief Executive

### **Message from the Chair**

I am very proud to have been asked to take the position of Chair for this charity. I have the highest level of knowledge, experience, determination and ambition and I strongly align with our charities mission to improve the situation of many living in rural Ghana.

I have a wealth of experience and aim to offer a clear strategy and direction. Always demanding the most value for the money we spend, ensuring the most amount of pennies in every pound go to route cause creating real and lasting change.

The work we do is exemplary, and our approach of working directly with the communities in Ghana ensures long-term stability by addressing the direct issues they face. We provide life-saving sanitation and water, education for all and empower the community to achieve financial stability for themselves and their families.

We have many project ideas for the future, alongside maintaining our current projects. I look forward to being a part of developing and growing these projects while upholding our success and mission values.

David Manners  
Chair

## VISION, MISSION, PRIORITIES AND VALUES

### Strategic Plan 2023-2026

#### Shaping Our Future

We collaborate closely with Chiefs, the Education Minister, social services, fire chiefs, and various other agencies in Ghana to identify the most critical projects. This community-led approach ensures that we fully involve local stakeholders, allowing us to prioritize projects effectively. As a result, these initiatives are more likely to be sustainable and supported by the community. Additionally, the community benefits from the involvement of numerous volunteers, empowering them to shape their own future.

#### Our Vision

1. **Empowering Self-Sufficiency:** We aim to prevent and alleviate poverty by empowering individuals to learn and sustain their own businesses.
2. **Education for All:** We believe every child deserves access to quality education. Our projects support advancements in education, with a special focus on girls who often face greater disadvantages. By promoting fair and equal opportunities, we aim to increase the number of girls pursuing further education, ultimately leading to better employment prospects and breaking the cycle of extreme poverty. This helps avoid the pitfalls of malnutrition, child labour, and prostitution, which limit future potential.
3. **Clean Water and Health:** We strive to ensure everyone has access to clean water, good sanitation, and essential medical supplies. This reduces waterborne diseases, infant mortality, sickness, and death.
4. **Empowering Women and Supporting the Disabled:** We work to empower women and support disabled adults and children, protecting them from harm and enabling them to have a brighter, more inclusive future.
5. **Combating Hunger:** We are committed to feeding communities, ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry.

#### Our Mission

To deliver: projects that are needed in a safe and sustainable way.

We believe everyone has the right to live in H.O.P.E (Health: Opportunity: Peace: Education)

#### Our Values

- **Empathy:** We listen to individuals and understand their situation
- **Excellence:** We deliver a first-class service and we care about quality
- **Ethical:** We do the right thing and respect integrity

- **Bespoke:** We provide solutions that are flexible and proportionate
- **Community:** We engage with the community and create meaningful partnerships
- **Maximising Potential:** We nurture the growth of our clients, team members and the charity

### Our Priorities

- To provide projects that are needed especially those who work with children and empower women.
- To provide early intervention through our growing team of dedicated staff
- To grow the charity to enable us to support more projects to support the community.
- To deliver projects identified by the community directly and deliver these in a safe and sustainable way.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Water Projects

We completed four new boreholes and a larger community well in Tweedie bringing water to over 28,500 people.

Kotwi-Serving the community of around 5,000 people

Yabi- Serving the community of around 6,000 people

Kotwi D/A Basic school serving the community of around 5,000

Apemenim Kokoben serving the community of around 2,500 people

Twedie-Serving the community of 10,000 people





## SUMILLION PROJECT HOUSE

Work is ongoing on **Sumillion House**. This is our dedicated accommodation for volunteers. Once completed, it will provide educational space and accommodation for up to 70 volunteers in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. Good accommodation is clearly important in reaching out to and attracting volunteers and so helps To Live in H.O.P.E to grow and expand. Volunteers are more likely to partner with us when they feel secure and are well taken care of.

We have also expanded the build to include 2 new seamstress shops to increase the number of women we can support.





## **DORMITORY BUILDING**

We continued to support Garden City special school a special needs school in the Asokore Mampong Municipal District of Kumasi and the new dormitory was finished and opened.

The new dormitory will accommodate 40 new girls with special educational needs and disabilities. Facilities on the first floor will include two large dormitory halls, toilet and shower rooms and two small apartments for the house mothers who provide 24-hour care to the students. Garden city school provides over 190 children with special needs an engaging and adapted curriculum with boarding facilities. The curriculum focuses on life skills and vocational training to ensure the students develop to be self-sufficient and contributors to their community.

Students at the school have a range of different needs including children with cerebral palsy, down syndrome, autism, microcephaly and more. The school teaches the students in a range of vocational skills including woodwork, tie dye, life skills, leather work and weaving and uses the sensory room, gym and therapeutic sessions to support children with their needs.



## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

We recently opened another seamstress shop, and the demand exceeded our expectations, with over 300 young women applying for a place in the program. Selecting just 30 participants was challenging, as all applicants were deserving. However, the chosen 30 have shown dedication and hard work. They are progressing well, learning essential business skills and expert sewing techniques.

Recently, they visited a local school to offer garment repair services for the children and are also learning to sew reusable menstrual pads to support young girls who cannot afford them. We are currently seeking funding to open three more shops.



## Laptops to school children

Children in Ghana often have limited or no educational materials and lack access to the internet for learning resources. With the support of Sumillion, we delivered over 120 laptops to many local schools. These laptops will be used by over 1,000 children, significantly enhancing their educational opportunities.





## Volunteering and Library construction

Volunteering had been paused due to COVID-19, but we successfully restarted our program, with volunteers building three new libraries. Educational materials are very limited in Ghana, and these facilities will significantly enhance children's education. A special thank you to Bookcycle for delivering a pallet of books to support this project. The libraries were built in

1. Ampabame No2 D/A JHS
2. Nsese D/A JHS
3. Apemanim D/A JHS

These libraries will bring educational and reading material to over 1000 school children.



## **MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PROJECT**

We conducted a menstrual hygiene project aimed at promoting menstrual health and hygiene among school children by distributing sanitary pads and educating them on proper menstrual management. Although the project was initially small, over 500 girls turned up for pads, resulting in only one packet per girl. This highlighted the magnitude of the issue and has prompted us to develop a much larger project. Stay tuned for more in 2023/2024.



### **Emergency Fund**

We have established a need for an emergency fund for hospital treatment, emergency food, medication and other issues and this is something we are looking for funding on an example of an emergency we have supported below.

When it came to our notice of the heart-breaking situation involving a mentally ill woman who just gave birth on the Street of Ahenema Kokoben. The money was to settle hospital bills and ensure the wellbeing of the newborn baby.

## OBJECTIVES

### Our Strategic Aims

1. **Maintain and Improve Core Projects:** We aim to continuously maintain and enhance our core projects to ensure they meet the needs of the communities we serve.
2. **Enhance and Grow Projects:** We strive to expand and develop our projects, ensuring their long-term sustainability and lasting impact.
3. **Achieve Organizational Sustainability:** We are committed to becoming a more sustainable organization by diversifying our income streams and improving how we demonstrate our impact.

### Ensuring Sustainability

- **Grant Applications:** We are placing a greater emphasis on grant applications, a funding source we haven't extensively utilized before. We will target longer-term, larger strategic grants to cover our core costs. Additionally, as pandemic restrictions ease, we will engage more in community fundraising.
- **Funding Streams:** We are exploring additional funding sources within the community, including churches, community groups, and schools.
- **Volunteering Program:** We aim to develop and expand our volunteering program.
- **Corporate Fundraising:** We will continue to support and strengthen our relationship with our core funder, Sumillion, while also seeking new corporate supporters.

### The Challenges Ahead

- **Budget Limitations:** Our capacity to achieve our goals is constrained by budget limitations. We need funding to hire a paid administrative role to enhance our operations.
- **Project Sustainability:** Maintaining the sustainability of our projects can be challenging, especially given the geographical location. However, our dedicated project manager in Ghana is effectively managing these challenges.
- **Economic Strain:** The rising costs and budget strains on individuals result in lower disposable incomes, which limits their ability to donate.

Despite these challenges, we remain confident that our new CEO will successfully grow our income and donations.

## **GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### Non-Executive Directors / Trustees

To Live in H.O.P.E is overseen by a board of five voluntary and independent Trustees (Non-executive Directors), each of whom are appointed by the charity's board. Each Director assumes a specific portfolio upon appointment to ensure that all areas of To Live in H.O.P.E's governance receives due care and attention and is aligned with the specialist expertise of the Director appointed.

The Directors consider governance issues at their regular Board meetings. The Board meet every quarter throughout the year with the CEO to ensure all governance issues are regularly addressed. The trustees delegate responsibility to the CEO for ensuring that service provision is carried out within the overall charity's strategy; for overseeing the charity's progress in meeting its objectives; and ensuring that the charity meets its legal and financial obligations.

To Live in H.O.P.E has in place adequate governance arrangements that enable the identification, escalation, monitoring and reporting of risks. The Board of To Live in H.O.P.E is ultimately responsible for reviewing, challenging, and approving the charity's overall strategy and the direction of the business.

### **TRUSTEES**

David Thomas Manners - Chair

Ian Page

Benjamin Charles Ward

Chi Wai Man

Michael Clark

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date  
31/12/2022

To

Period end date  
30/12/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

#### A1 Receipts

Donations	14,903	8,377	-	23,280	130
Projects	85,786	47,766	-	133,552	41,808
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>100,689</b>	<b>56,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,832</b>	<b>41,938</b>

#### A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>100,689</b>	<b>56,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,832</b>	<b>41,938</b>
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#### A3 Payments

Projects Paid	55,872	40,297	-	96,169	68,193
Advertising & Marketing	405	-	-	405	-
Bank Charges	350	25	-	375	150
Insurance	59	-	-	59	-
IT Software and consumables	27	-	-	27	-
Light, Power, Heating	63	-	-	63	-
Pension Costs	356	-	-	356	-
Printing & Stationery	59	-	-	59	-
Rent	3,542	-	-	3,542	-
Salaries	24,457	-	-	24,457	-
Subscriptions	356	-	-	356	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>85,546</b>	<b>40,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,868</b>	<b>68,343</b>

#### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>85,546</b>	<b>40,322</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,868</b>	<b>68,343</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>15,143</b>	<b>15,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,964</b>	<b>- 26,405</b>
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#### A5 Transfers between funds



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#### A6 Cash funds last year end

	146	-	-	146	26,551
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<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,289</b>	<b>15,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,110</b>	<b>146</b>
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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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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
			DAVID MANNERS	26/09/2024
			Ben Ward	26/09/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
To Live In H.O.P.E.

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1167593

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/12/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 26/09/2024

Name:

DAWN BURN

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

N/A

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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