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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025
FOR
HANDS OF HOPE**

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HANDS OF HOPE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Main objectives:

- Use Growing, Cooking and Nature-based activities to improve physical, mental & environmental health outcomes throughout Rother, Hastings and West Kent.
- Improve community cohesion by bringing people together from a variety of backgrounds and age groups, breaking down barriers through shared physical activity.
- Increase the skills base amongst people by providing access to, and training in, organic food growing, environmental heritage & nature-based activities, heritage rural crafts and nutrition/cooking.
- Enable people to grow their own food and eat seasonally and locally, sharing their surplus and therefore reducing food waste whilst tackling food poverty.
- Restore, maintain & promote the natural, rural and community heritage of Hope Farm Community Garden, for future generations.
- Create a landscape that educates and engages through innovating agriculture strategies, improved trail systems for improved engagement & community access, and protecting diverse habitats.
- Develop regenerative agriculture and home-scale production suitable to the site.
- Enhance outdoor spaces for communities through nature education elements using a balance of wild and cultivated areas.
- Develop sustainable land management systems that decrease reliance on off-site inputs and encourage communities to live more sustainably - reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Using regenerative agriculture techniques to improve the health of the soil and increase biodiversity on site and sharing this knowledge with the wider community.

Supporting:

- Introduction of Kent & Sussex heritage crop production maintaining and sharing, regional, heritage seed varieties
- Protection & increase of biodiversity and habitats for pollinating insects and wildlife.
- Preservation of ancient landscapes including Ghyll Woodland. Ancient Droveaway and Wildflower Meadow.
- New employment opportunities.
- New volunteer opportunities.
- Improvements in physical, mental and environmental health outcomes.
- Access to apprenticeships, work experience and training programmes.
- Preservation and promotion of regional, heritage skills that are slowly eroding.
- Specialist services - DIG (Dementia Inclusive Gardening), STG (Social Therapeutic Gardening), Nutrition classes. Cookery classes, etc.
- Learning through play for children, educational establishments, and families.
- Access to land-based alternative provision for children requiring additional support.
- Improvements to local food systems.
- Reduction of Food Waste.
- Long-term sustainability of Hands of Hope.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Grow Cook Care Share replaced Get Growing in January 2025 with the aim of creating an umbrella programme that could incorporate our key provision for clarity of message and support the extension of our activities to "year-round" delivery incorporating our new facilities. This multifaceted programme promotes healthier and happier communities, using horticulture, cooking & nature to tackle food poverty, skills deficit and loneliness, leading to improvements in physical activity, healthy eating, education, community cohesion, skills development & social inclusion.

Food Growing & Horticulture: On site volunteering and skill sessions in organic horticulture, using heritage stock. Additionally, working in partnership to provide opportunities for organisations supporting vulnerable groups as well as producing food for local food banks.

- Delivered 86 gardening & horticulture sessions, accruing 1638 hours in volunteer contribution.
- 1510.046kg of in-season organic produce delivered to local food banks.
- 14 Social Therapeutic Horticulture sessions supporting patients from The Priory, Ticehurst.
- 11 Corporate Volunteering Sessions. 284 participants, accruing 1269 hours. Companies include Hastings Direct, Ginger May Marketing, AXA and Cisco.
- 3 x 1-week work experience students undertaking Market Gardening, Cut Flower Gardening and Land Management.

Cooking & Nutrition: In-season Cookery delivered via Social Lunch Clubs, Schools Programme, and Skills sessions with focus on reducing food waste & teaching food preservation skills.

- 29 adults engaged in learning new skills from Breadmaking to Preserving and Pickling to Cooking to Reducing Food Waste.
- 12 Waste Not Want Not cooking sessions delivered to 18 students & staff from Mount Camphill.
- Delivered 3 "Field to Fork" sessions for 3 local HomeEd groups.
- 13 Helping Hands Lunch Clubs for 58 members supported by 10 volunteers accruing 687 Volunteer hours.
- 2 Community Lunches delivered by Trustees and Volunteers to 90 local residents 65+ and 2 Thank You lunches for Volunteers with 48 in attendance.
- 16 Waste Not Want Not cookery sessions over 3 workshops and 26 food preservation over 5 workshops with 42 beneficiaries.

Natural History and the Environment: Bushcraft, Foraging, Wild Cooking, Conservation, and traditional Land Management activities promoting nature-connection for improved mental and physical health as well as teaching skills.

- Year 5 Hawkhurst Primary School - 20 children and 3 adults undertaking native tree planting activities to restore an ancient field line sourced on a 19th century tithe map.
- Introduced Kind Kindling a new project producing wood and kindling from the woodland tackling fuel poverty and providing intergenerational volunteering and work experience opportunities. 18 sessions delivered YTD.
- 29 adults engaged in learning new skills from Willow Weaving to Breadmaking to Preserving and Pickling to Cooking to Reduce Waste.
- Delivered 2 sessions to 10 families on Willow Weaving.
- 100 Children engaged in Nature-Craft & Foraging sessions.
- 3 x weeklong Work Experience sessions for local students covering Horticulture & Land Management.

Partnership, Social & Community: Collaboration with organisations to broaden our reach and share resources:

- Launching "Dementia Experience" in November 2025. "The Monday Gang" and "Phoenix Choir" will run every Monday for those living with Dementia as well as Carers.
- Have undergone assessment and received Accreditation to launch RHS Accredited Level 2 training in September 2026. Hosted by James Pashley previous Head of Faculty at Plumpton College, the training programme will be part-chargeable with 10 spaces fully funded for vulnerable young people wanting to train in Horticulture. The training will run from September to June 2026/27 of which 10 P/T apprenticeships will be made available at Hope Farm.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- Hosted 38 Hawkhurst Friendship Group sessions for 10 older people 70+ Weekly meeting of Hawkhurst Friendship Group - Social group supporting rural isolation for older people
- 75 Sheddars sessions - between 4 and 9 Members per session accruing approximately 1820 Volunteer hours in total over the funding period.
- Launched third Community & Stakeholder Consultation.

Chargeable Activities:

- Delivered 25 Café sessions as well as our Farm Shop/Veg Boxes & PYO Subscription services raising vital funds for the charity.
- Introduced new commercial activities utilising our new facilities including Yoga in the Yurt (40 sessions to date), Breadmaking, Thai Cooking, Cooking on a Budget, Preserving and Pickling, Store Cupboard Cooking etc establishing strong partnerships and collaborations with local suppliers, crafters and small businesses.
- 102 paid visitors participated in chargeable activities.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The core foundations of Hope Farm Community Garden were built on extensive community consultations, with feedback gathered from practitioners, potential service users, existing service users and volunteers as well as external stakeholders in East Sussex and West Kent in January 2019 and July 2021.

Driven by results from these consultations, we have strategically enhanced the physical resources on-site and developed bespoke activities to meet the needs identified. We continue to undertake on-going, feedback across all programmes, ensuring responsiveness to community needs, and delivery of measurable, lasting impact. We gather feedback (quantitative demographics, qualitative measures across 6 core organisational measures and user testimonies) from participants, volunteers, partners, and staff through age-appropriate questionnaires, consultations, open days, and informal conversations, using this insight to foster programme co-creation, and to align future delivery, scope and strategy.

Recent, 2025 visitor feedback was overwhelmingly enthusiastic about our provision with most quality metrics (n=19) being 85-95% positive. Encouragingly, 86-98% of respondents feel our activities -

- strengthen community and reduce isolation
- give people more control over the food they eat-
- help communities better understand their environment
- improve mental and physical health
- have the potential to change lives.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We are strong advocates of collaboration and over the last three years have established close links with local, regional and national organisations who share our aims in support of beneficiaries. We have partnered with Involve Kent in delivering Kent Country Council's Wellbeing for 55+'s contract. We have also work in partnership with local organisations, to enable their beneficiaries and clients to access our activities including Involve Kent, Yes Futures, Groundworks Southeast, Great Dexter House & Gardens, The Glasshouse CIC, Wellbeing in the Weald, Project Rewild, The Priory Group, Mount Camphill Residential School, Rooted Community Allotment, Nourish, Warming up the Homeless, Rye Food Bank and Hawkhurst Food Bank as well as Primary, Secondary and Specialist schools throughout Rother, Hastings and West Kent. Examples of Partnerships:

The Priory - Ticehurst

Priory Hospital Ticehurst House's Highlands Unit is an acute mental health unit, providing person-centred assessment, treatment, and support for both male and female adults. Hope Farm provided a safe space for patients to get involved with organic, heritage gardening and growing as volunteers. Groups attended once a week, during 2023, men and women's groups being separated into different times of the day. Volunteers engage with a variety of activities around the site contributing to our general upkeep of the gardens, learning about organic no-dig growing techniques, and harvesting of vegetables and cut flowers which will either go to the food banks or back to the priory for patients to take with them.

Angela Smith - Lead Occupational Therapist

"To install hope that patients will recover from mental health crisis through the opportunity to have purpose, connect with nature and others and engage in an active enjoyable activity. Hands of Hope provided a lovely space where our clients didn't feel like patients, just people."

Mount Camphill is a Specialist Further Education College, which provides care, support and engaged learning for students aged 16 to 25 within a holistic environment, offering day and residential placements, 38 weeks per year. Over the 2-year Living History term, students were offered Work Experience placements as part of their transition from Mount Camphill to independent living.

Bexhill College: We have established a new, ongoing partnership with Bexhill College Media department which will continue for all new projects moving forward. During 2024, A Level media students undertook devising, documenting and recording, the outcomes for beneficiaries, partners, volunteers and staff, engaged with Living History producing a 16-minute evaluation film as part of their final exam.

Kent High Weald Partnership:

Kent High Weald Partnership is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to connect people and nature through conservation, education, and wellbeing. We developed a strong partnership during which time they were engaged in delivering a 2-day Volunteering Project building a new Pond-dipping platform, undertook a Great Crested Newt Survey, supported by Volunteers and we in turn provided their staff with training in traditional Hedgelaying and Scything.

Bumblebee Conservation Trust

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust is a science-led, UK based charity established in 2006 because of serious concerns about the 'plight of the bumblebee'. We worked actively with them to deliver multiple workshops and children's sessions providing skill-based, educational activities teaching how to undertake surveys and identify species. Additionally, they provided multiple resources to be shared with schools, families and conservation groups.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Funders & Supporters

We are extremely grateful to the following organisations and donors for their faith and support:

- Reaching Communities - National Lottery
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Kent Community Foundation
- Involve Kent
- Tesco Bags of Help Scheme
- Waitrose Community Fund- Hawkhurst Branch
- Hastings Direct
- Nineveh Trust
- Barchester Foundation
- Tunbridge Wells BC
- Hastoe Housing Association
- HDH Willis
- Hadley Foundation
- The Tree Council
- WG Edwards Charity
- Cole Charitable Trust
- Southover Manor Trust
- Colney Hall
- Souter Charitable Trust
- Laing Family Trust
- Innholders Charitable
- Peasmarsh Parish Council
- Hollick Family
- John Swire Trust
- Chalk Cliff
- Doyle Carte
- Ernest Klein
- St Michaels Primary School

Partnership and Collaboration:

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide horticulture, nature-based and corporate volunteering opportunities for:

- Hastings Direct
- Parkers
- Network Rail
- High Weald National Landscape
- Chefs in Partnership

We are also grateful to the following charities and organisations who offered support in the period:

- Rye & Hawkhurst Food Banks
- Warming up the Homeless
- Julie Gurr
- Garden Organic
- Kent Country Partnership

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As at 31 July 2025 the charity held reserves totalling £344,873 of which £86,328 is held for restricted purposes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Our reserves are managed in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission and ensure that we can progress the maintenance, restoration and development of our 22-acre site, deliver our community programmes as well as allowing us to operate during periods of lower income ensuring that we have reserves for unexpected events such as redundancies or any site works that require urgent attendance.

Additionally, reserves are held by the charity to enable it to progress to complete both its long-term projects and its current activities and any fluctuations in receipts and payments.

The policy is to hold 6 months of running costs to cover salaries and site running costs which support our activities, and also takes in the following:

- (1) Contingency: unexpected expenditure in the event of an emergency;
- (2) Cash-flow: situations where a bill has to be paid before the money to cover it has been received;
- (3) Commitment: a commitment to expenditure which cannot be covered by the annual income
- (4) Closure: the charity becomes financially unsustainable and has to be wound up.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Hands of Hope operates within 'Site Rules' (its governing document) and seeks to have at least five and not more than seven elected Committee members, all of whom must be eligible members, elected at the AGM.

The trustees will regularly conduct a skills audit of the Committee to review any skills gaps and trustee places available. The trustees will then decide if they need to actively recruit board members and agree on a recruitment process that is designed to attract a diverse range of candidates with the skills the charity needs, including agreeing on how and where to advertise.

The board of trustees can appoint a trustee to fill an identified skills gap at any time during the year, when there are vacancies.

Interviews may be carried out by a small panel of trustees, and each candidate will be asked similar questions to ensure a fair and objective approach.

The completed application form and feedback from the interview shall be discussed amongst the committee who will then decide on the suitability of the candidate.

The preferred candidate shall be invited to attend at least one trustee meeting as an observer and will receive further information regarding the role trustee.

The applicant will be given a trustee welcome pack.

If the applicant wishes to proceed, a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Induction and training of new trustees

As part of the induction process, new trustees shall provide:

- Proof of ID.
- Signed Data Protection policy form.

When joining the committee, new trustees will receive an introduction to the Site, its history, the current activities and planned activities for the future from the Chairman or Trustee. They will also be given access to the site policies and procedures, including safeguarding. They also may access copies of reports and minutes from the preceding 3 months.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1168016

Principal address

Hope Farm
Tillingham Lane
Peasmarsh
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Trustees

J P Doran
Ms S Kaskanian
M I Al-Jumaili
Ms S Coleman
Ms A Doran Al-Jumaili (resigned 31/12/2024)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ~~30.04.2026~~..... and signed on its behalf
by:

James Doran

.....
J P Doran - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HANDS OF HOPE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hands of Hope

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hands of Hope (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Joseph Greenslade FCCA

Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
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Date:

HANDS OF HOPE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		39,457	203,543	243,000	460,584
Other trading activities	3	22,112	-	22,112	7,015
Investment income	4	1,809	292	2,101	976
Total		63,378	203,835	267,213	468,575
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		14,657	-	14,657	1,675
Charitable activities					
Growing		16,172	91,862	108,034	152,490
Other		22,037	17,708	39,745	46,816
Site restoration		27,827	64,120	91,947	99,571
Community		6,403	-	6,403	2,604
Education		3,140	1,994	5,134	14,855
Total		90,236	175,684	265,920	318,011
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	(26,858) 10,514	28,151 (10,514)	1,293 -	150,564 -
Net movement in funds		(16,344)	17,637	1,293	150,564
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		274,889	68,691	343,580	193,016
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		258,545	86,328	344,873	343,580

The notes form part of these financial statements

HANDS OF HOPE

BALANCE SHEET 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	235,591	-	235,591	296,438
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	4,289	-	4,289	1,253
Cash at bank and in hand		49,575	86,328	135,903	94,435
		53,864	86,328	140,192	95,688
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(15,910)	-	(15,910)	(21,546)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		37,954	86,328	124,282	74,142
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		273,545	86,328	359,873	370,580
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(15,000)	-	(15,000)	(27,000)
NET ASSETS		258,545	86,328	344,873	343,580
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				258,545	274,889
Restricted funds				86,328	68,691
TOTAL FUNDS				344,873	343,580

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
J P Doran - Trustee

.....
S Kaskanian - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hands of Hope is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principle address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, 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' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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.

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.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Plant and machinery - 25% on cost

Improvements to property - amortised over the life of the lease term ended June 2028

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Cafe and produce sales	10,271	<i>6,415</i>
Room hire	563	<i>600</i>
Training and courses	4,611	<i>-</i>
Activity funding	6,667	<i>-</i>
	<u>22,112</u>	<i><u>7,015</u></i>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Electricity from solar	873	<i>-</i>
Deposit account interest	1,228	<i>976</i>
	<u>2,101</u>	<i><u>976</u></i>

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	3,000	<i>4,041</i>
	<u>3,000</u>	<i><u>4,041</u></i>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2025 nor for the year ended 31 July 2024.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Wages and salaries	91,962	<i>125,493</i>
Social security costs	4,700	<i>3,754</i>
Other pension costs	1,905	<i>1,832</i>
	<u>98,567</u>	<i><u>131,079</u></i>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	<i>2024</i>
		<i></i>
Charitable activities	<u>4</u>	<i><u>8</u></i>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	64,894	395,690	460,584
Other trading activities	7,015	-	7,015
Investment income	976	-	976
Total	<u>72,885</u>	<u>395,690</u>	<u>468,575</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	1,439	236	1,675
Charitable activities			
Growing	39,963	112,527	152,490
Other	42,567	4,249	46,816
Site restoration	60,741	38,830	99,571
Community	2,567	37	2,604
Education	4,901	9,954	14,855
Total	<u>152,178</u>	<u>165,833</u>	<u>318,011</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(79,293)	229,857	150,564
Transfers between funds	<u>255,589</u>	<u>(255,589)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	176,296	(25,732)	150,564
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	98,593	94,423	193,016
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>274,889</u>	<u>68,691</u>	<u>343,580</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 August 2024	343,922	74,036	417,958
Additions	<u>11,940</u>	<u>12,871</u>	<u>24,811</u>
At 31 July 2025	<u>355,862</u>	<u>86,907</u>	<u>442,769</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 August 2024	79,701	41,819	121,520
Charge for year	<u>70,509</u>	<u>15,149</u>	<u>85,658</u>
At 31 July 2025	<u>150,210</u>	<u>56,968</u>	<u>207,178</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2025	<u>205,652</u>	<u>29,939</u>	<u>235,591</u>
At 31 July 2024	<u><u>264,221</u></u>	<u><u>32,217</u></u>	<u><u>296,438</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,368	1,253
Prepayments	2,921	-
	4,289	1,253

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	12,000	12,000
Trade creditors	1,410	6,527
Taxation and social security	-	519
Other creditors	2,500	2,500
	15,910	21,546

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 13)	15,000	27,000

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	12,000	12,000
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	15,000	27,000

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/8/24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/7/25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	274,889	(26,858)	10,514	258,545
Restricted funds				
GBBO	37,008	(8,173)	(11,940)	16,895
Living History	-	30,686	(8,610)	22,076
National Lottery	31,683	(8,090)	-	23,593
Get Growing	-	(10,336)	10,336	-
Grow Cook Share Care	-	24,064	(300)	23,764
	68,691	28,151	(10,514)	86,328
TOTAL FUNDS	343,580	1,293	-	344,873

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,378	(90,236)	(26,858)
Restricted funds			
GBBO	21,090	(29,263)	(8,173)
Living History	38,403	(7,717)	30,686
National Lottery	83,749	(91,839)	(8,090)
Get Growing	1,999	(12,335)	(10,336)
Grow Cook Share Care	58,594	(34,530)	24,064
	203,835	(175,684)	28,151
TOTAL FUNDS	267,213	(265,920)	1,293

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/8/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/7/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	98,593	(79,293)	255,589	274,889
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	94,423	(43,821)	(50,602)	-
GBBO	-	241,995	(204,987)	37,008
National Lottery	-	31,683	-	31,683
	94,423	229,857	(255,589)	68,691
TOTAL FUNDS	193,016	150,564	-	343,580

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,885	(152,178)	(79,293)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	-	(43,821)	(43,821)
GBBO	241,995	-	241,995
Living History	70,060	(70,060)	-
National Lottery	83,635	(51,952)	31,683
	395,690	(165,833)	229,857
TOTAL FUNDS	468,575	(318,011)	150,564

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The purposes of the restricted funds are as follows:

GBBO - Our 'Great British Build Off' is a phased project to restore and expand our historic site. The current phase includes plans to develop a new, inclusive, community kitchen, cookery school and learning centre.

Living History - This is a 2-year programme with the aim of reconnecting communities to nature, provide opportunities for training and skills in conservation, land management & traditional rural craft and conserve and protect our ancient site.

Lottery - this grant provides core funding to enable more people to access the benefits of growing, cooking, and connecting to nature.

Get Growing and Grow Cook Share Care - Grow Cook Care Share replaced Get Growing in January 2025 with the aim of creating an umbrella programme that could incorporate our key provision for clarity of message and support the extension of our activities to "year-round" delivery incorporating our new facilities. This multifaceted programme promotes healthier and happier communities, using horticulture, cooking & nature to tackle food poverty, skills deficit and loneliness, leading to improvements in physical activity, healthy eating, education, community cohesion, skills development & social inclusion

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

The fixed assets purchased by the charity in the year using restricted funds do not have restricted conditions attached to their usage, and as such a transfer has been made to the general funds to reflect this.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the accounting period the charity paid BS Group Limited; a company controlled by trustees; Mr J Doran and Ms S Kaskanian, £1,053 (2024: £68,272). This related to site development expenses borne by BS Group Limited and passed on a cost value.

During the accounting period the charity received donations totalling £22,143 from trustees.

HANDS OF HOPE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	39,456	170,575
Grants	203,544	290,009
	243,000	460,584
Other trading activities		
Cafe and produce sales	10,271	6,415
Room hire	563	600
Training and courses	4,611	-
Activity funding	6,667	-
	22,112	7,015
Investment income		
Electricity from solar	873	-
Deposit account interest	1,228	976
	2,101	976
Total incoming resources	267,213	468,575
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Sundries	-	137
Consultant fees	12,624	-
	12,624	137
Other trading activities		
Produce purchases	2,033	589
Cleaning	-	320
Equipment repairs and renewals	-	629
	2,033	1,538
Charitable activities		
Wages	91,962	125,493
Social security	4,700	3,754
Pensions	1,905	1,832
Rates and water	110	4,277
Light and heat	425	-
Telephone	-	103
Postage and stationery	419	358
Advertising	604	3,443
Sundries	218	1,000
Growing costs	7,781	12,093
Carried forward	108,124	152,353

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HANDS OF HOPE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	108,124	152,353
Cleaning and waste disposal	1,124	578
Website costs	1,239	1,220
Equipment maintenance	1,579	645
Education expenses	3,011	14,127
Community outreach costs	6,403	2,604
Professional fees	6,390	1,068
Donations	-	1,760
Uniform costs	-	1,277
Equipment hire	-	17,880
Site repairs	17,562	20,950
Improvements to property	70,509	66,055
Plant and machinery	15,149	8,989
	231,090	289,506
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	427	116
Bank interest	3,000	3,000
	3,427	3,116
Human resources		
Recruitment expenses	-	58
Other		
Light and heat	-	517
Postage and stationery	-	1,580
Motor costs	3,375	4,932
Computer costs	5,086	6,055
	8,461	13,084
Governance costs		
Independent examiners' remuneration	3,000	4,041
Insurance	-	3,796
Bookkeeping	5,285	2,735
	8,285	10,572
Total resources expended	265,920	318,011
Net income	1,293	150,564

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