

**Voice of Hope**  
(Registered charity, number 1171171)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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**Voice of Hope  
Trustees' Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered charity number** 1171171

**Principal address**

Voice of Hope  
The Bridge Centre  
Birches Head Road  
Birches Head  
Stoke-on-Trent  
ST2 8DD

**Trustees**

Mrs A Broom  
Mr Douglas Dean  
Mr C Barber

**Bankers**

Barclays Bank  
Business Direct  
Leicester  
Leicestershire  
LE87 2BB

**Independent examiner**

Daryl Denson ACMA  
VAST  
The Dudson Centre  
Hope Street  
Hanley  
Stoke on Trent  
ST1 5DD

**Governance and management**

Voice of Hope is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which operates under the rules of its constitution adopted on 18 January 2017.

**Summary of objects**

The objects of the CIO are to promote human rights (as set out in the universal declaration of human rights and subsequent united nations conventions and declarations) throughout the world through the prevention of modern slavery including human trafficking by:

- 1) raising awareness of modern slavery;
- 2) promoting public support for the prevention of modern slavery;
- 3) offering training and education on modern slavery;
- 4) conducting research into modern slavery;
- 5) relieving need among the victims of modern slavery;
- 6) raising funds to be used in the relief and prevention of modern slavery

**Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

**Voice of Hope  
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Summary of main activities during the year**

The nature of Modern Slavery is an insidious one. Millions of men, women and children are trapped in horrific slavery conditions around the world, consequently and unknowingly, it is present in the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the technology we are increasingly reliant on.

Voice of Hope was set up to raise awareness of the scope and scale of both Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking to enhance understanding and effectively empowering, equipping and influencing others to bring about positive and transformational change.

Voice of Hope continues to be dedicated to raising public awareness of the horrifying reality of human trafficking and modern slavery.

**Summary of main achievements during the year**

During 2024 Voice of Hope delivered training to:

Adults who received Modern Slavery Awareness Training 1640.

Delegates from Police departments, Probation service, NHS, Social workers, City Council, Business, Staffs University and Church, Adults who received County Lines and Child Exploitation 100+

Children who received County Lines Awareness training 2678

Shared information at Homeless Shelter 197

Support given to potential victims of Modern Slavery in partnership with Staffordshire Police, providing accommodation, clothing and food.

Modern Slavery Police assist objectives -There were 11 Adults rescued and 1 child rescued.

Data from the Home Office indicates how urgent our mission is, thousands of men, women and children are being referred into the UK's framework, The National Referral Mechanism, demonstrating that awareness across the sectors is impactful and effective.

The haunting truth is that modern slavery lurks much closer than is realized.

**The charity's policy on reserves**

It has been agreed by the trustees to keep three months of expenditure in reserves. This is set for the current on-coming year for £12,000. The total unrestricted reserves held at the end of the year was £7,470 (2023: £3,721) and total restricted reserves held was £60,594 (2023: £53,617).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed



Date

10-10-2025

Name:

Position:

DOUGLAS DEAN  
CHAIRMAN

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Voice of Hope  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Voice of Hope 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Voice of Hope 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 accounting 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   
**Daryl Denson ACMA**  
**VAST**

Date 21/10/25

**Voice of Hope**  
**Receipts & Payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	-	80,133	80,133	80,133
Donation	3,741	-	3,741	2,120
Gifts	50	-	50	1,720
Sundry	7	29	36	40
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>80,162</u>	<u>83,960</u>	<u>84,013</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Gifts	-	313	313	38
Publicity	-	1,340	1,340	234
Refreshments	-	1,125	1,125	1,226
IT	-	1,132	1,132	2,403
Room Hire	-	3,014	3,014	2,161
Wages	-	59,377	59,377	50,395
Payroll Costs	-	475	475	503
Administration Costs	-	130	130	463
Insurance	-	237	237	252
Travel	-	1,490	1,490	1,424
Purchases	-	415	415	794
Printing & Stationary	-	719	719	1,395
Project Assist Costs	-	1,798	1,798	1,200
Staff Costs	-	76	76	978
Subscription	-	991	991	1,658
Accounts	-	540	540	-
Training	-	116	116	-
Donations	-	-	-	25
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,288</u>	<u>73,288</u>	<u>65,149</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	3,798	6,874	10,672	18,864
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	3,672	53,720	57,392	38,528
<b>Cash funds carried forward</b>	<u>7,470</u>	<u>60,594</u>	<u>68,064</u>	<u>57,392</u>

**Voice of Hope**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Cash assets</b>		
Current Account	68,064	57,392
	<u>68,064</u>	<u>57,392</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed *D. Dean*  
Name: *DOUGLAS DEAN*  
Position: *CHAIRMAN*

Dated *10-10-2025*

**Voice of Hope  
Notes to the Accounts  
at 31 December 2024**

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
People Power Fund / Training	582	-	(381)	-	201
Operational Staff Costs	52,988	80,133	(72,885)	-	60,236
Community Foundation Malam	150	29	(22)	-	157
	<u>53,720</u>	<u>80,162</u>	<u>(73,288)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,594</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General reserve	3,672	3,798	0	0	7,470
	<u>3,672</u>	<u>3,798</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,470</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>57,392</u>	<u>83,960</u>	<u>(73,288)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,064</u>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

People Power Fund – Funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire to support the delivery of the 'Raising Awareness to End Modern Slavery' project.

Operational Staff Costs – Funding to help charity operations and to recruit new staff.

Community Foundation Malam – Funding to pay for various administration and printing costs.

**Related party transactions**

No related party transactions