

## **HOPE (WATFORD)**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1173830**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 December 2021**

The trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2020. 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 2015).

REGISTRATION HISTORY 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 WHERE IT OPERATES Hertfordshire

TRUSTEES: Barbara Lawrence, Elena Turturica, Olutoyin Oluyemisi Aworinde

### **OBJECTIVES AND AIMS**

The following objects are for the public benefit within the local community, namely Watford and surrounding area.

1) The prevention and relief of poverty and financial hardship by providing or assisting in the provision of education and training and any necessary support designed to enable adults who find it hard to gain employment to learn skills for employability and to provide practical help and information in difficult times, including clothes packages, home start –up “packs” for example, sheets, pillows, quilts.

### **RISK REVIEW**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed to, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure of major risks.

Those Trustees who work with families directly through Hope are all enhanced DBS checked.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Hope is continuing to maintain a strong and ongoing relationship with its local community, providing ongoing training sessions either on a 1-2-1 basis or in small virtual groups. The training we currently provide are: Life Coaching, Parenting and Employability Job Training. We continue to support to support local families with clothing and food. Some of Hope’s referrals come from connections with local family centres and this has somewhat increased over the months.

Hope continues to offer counselling sessions with qualified therapists. Hope also offer Mediation and Advocacy services with professionals where the support is needed as we no longer have to signpost.

Hope continues to provide food parcels to families in its local area who still find it difficult to “make ends meet”. Hope have supported over 170 families over the said period with food parcels. Families continue to range from single parents to parents who have extended family members living with them and could have upto 5 children.

Along with food parcels, we have also provided items of furniture to families in need. This have included white goods such as washing machine, fridges and fridge freezers. Hope have given away bedding and clothing. These opportunities arise almost on a week by week basis as there is always a great need within our community. Hope continues to reach out to families.

Hope’s referrals are coming from several areas such as the local church and family centres and emails via the website. Our services are being promoted on the Hope website and the attendance of local virtual networking meetings provided by other charities.

We have resumed home visits where necessary but still continue to offer virtual visits where possible.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### CHARITY

Charity Registration Number:

### HOPE (WATFORD)

1173830

Charity Registered in England and Wales 14-July-2017

52 Week Period		2021 Jan-Dec	2020 Jan-Dec
<b><u>Income</u></b>	Sales	5,421	29,165
	Donations	34,432	3,702
	Government Grants	29,844	52,700
	Interest Income	0	0
	Income Earned from Other Activities	0	0
TOTAL INCOME		69,697	85,567
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> Operating Overheads	Rent	21,972	36,921
	Rates	519	216
	Utilities	557	440
	Insurance	0	4,409
	Advertising	4,670	156
	Staff Expenses	27,638	10,670
	Accountancy Services	375	375
	Other Business Expenditure	14,716	7,551
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	70,447	60,737
	<b>SURPLUS INCOME / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(750)</b>	<b>24,830</b>

Accounts Prepared by:

Mr Leroy Goodman

Date:

10-Oct-2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

HOPE (WATFORD)

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2021

Charity no (if any)

1173830

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### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / December / 2021

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Augustus Lawrence

Date:

11/10/2023

Name:

Augustus Lawrence

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

Address:

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**