

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	06	04	2023		05	04	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Hope Church Ferndown CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1181924

Charity's principal address

Hope Church, Corbin Avenue, Ferndown

Postcode

BH22 8AZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Giles Woodcraft (Chair)	Pastor		
2	Barry Robinson	Deacon		
3	Hazel Ruth Thomas	Deacon	Died 10 th June 2023	
4	Stuart William John Smith	Elder		
5	David Alan Hall	Elder		

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

CIO – ASSOCIATION REGISTERED 07/02/2019

How the charity is constituted

CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustee selection methods

The Charity Trustees of the church are the persons appointed to the offices set out in accordance with the Church Handbook. These offices are Pastor, Elder, Deacon.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Hope Church Ferndown is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Hope Church Ferndown the unincorporated association merged to become Hope Church Ferndown CIO. Hope Church Ferndown CIO took on all of Hope Church Ferndown's staff, policies, assets and liabilities from 1st September 2019. The lease of the property on Corbin Avenue was finally transferred to Hope Church Ferndown CIO on 3rd April 2024.

During this year we have reviewed and approved the Equality and Safeguarding Policies.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purposes of the Church are:

3.1.1. the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Ferndown and the surrounding neighbourhood; and

3.1.2. such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.

In the process of running the church, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

This year has seen the completion of the building project as the building was handed back to us from the builders in August 2023. We celebrated the completion of the building project with a community barbeque on Sunday 13th August. This was an enjoyable afternoon with numerous visitors attending the event and topped off with a free ice cream for all attendees from a local resident's ice cream van. For a small charity, renovating the premises was a sizeable achievement and all the more of a success as it was managed without leaving the charity in any debt. For this we primarily have to thank the Lord for his provision. However, we are thankful for receiving grants from several bodies including Joseph Rank Foundation, Talbot Village Trust, The Beatrice Laing Trust, The Benefact Trust and FIEC. This project would never have happened without God's people giving generously and faithfully.

The renovated building has made our Sunday morning meetings more accessible. It has also been a benefit to the local community with groups such as Cocaine Anonymous now using the space.

It was a great sadness that our church trustee and administrator, Hazel Thomas, passed away in June 2023. Hazel was much more than a trustee she was a valued and treasured member of our fellowship. Her thanksgiving service took place on 6th July at Moordown Baptist Church, the building was full with standing room only - a testimony to

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

the esteem in which she was held at her place of work and in the wider community. Hazel continues to be missed since her departure and is irreplaceable.

Our grief was increased later in the year, in October, when Rita Livingstone, a former trustee, also passed away. Rita was so well known in the community having run so many groups with children over the decades. Rita's funeral was held in our church building and seating was needed in the lobby to accommodate all the attendees. Rita, like Hazel, is a significant loss for our fellowship. The keep fit class she had run for so many years has continued to meet, despite her passing.

Jenny Harbar, another valued member, also passed away in the spring of 2023. Her funeral took place at Poole Crematorium on 15th May 2023. Jenny was so pleased that the work had begun on the building in Corbin Avenue and she wished that her thanksgiving could take place in the building. This was not possible but we marked her passing in the building with her family, along with a remembrance for Hazel and Rita.

The church took the decision to end the running of the Food Store from August 2023 as there was no one who could manage the project. A drop-in café, after the keep fit session, was set up to hopefully keep the links we had made in running the food store. We have had a few visitors over the weeks but the café has not been successful in attracting former food store visitors to attend the café regularly.

This year we held weekly Sunday worship services. Our Sunday morning services continue to be the primary gathering place of our church community and our Sunday evening meetings have been more informal with a prayer focus. Our morning meetings are recorded with only the message being posted online after the services.

The Sunday School has run, throughout this year and been consistent in numbers even with our returned missionary family, the Yourens, moving to the Bristol area for Alistair's work.

Small groups have continued to meet in person for bible teaching, fellowship and prayer ministry at various times of the week.

CAMEO has continued to meet on Thursday afternoons throughout the year maintaining a regular contingent and occasional visitors.

A Friday morning online prayer meeting has continued to meet. There has also been phone support and a text message prayer chain.

Monthly women's meetings have continued to benefit from Jen Wilkin's study materials.

A new addition during the year has been men's and women's breakfast and occasionally a joint breakfast with an invited speaker.

The church has continued to oversee The East Dorset CAP debt centre. However, the decision was made during this period to make plans to move the oversight of this project to a new multi church group. This will hopefully insure the future viability of the project.

As of 5th March 2024, The East Dorset CAP Centre locally had:

- 16 current clients of which
- 6 clients are repaying their debt
- 1 going through insolvency
- 8 clients are in the visiting stages

Since the project began 10 years ago:

- 41 are debt free
- 30 are independently going debt free
- 15 clients have expressed a faith commitment

The church has continued to offer pastoral care to members of the church, and those in the community, to the best of its ability. Again, this year, people have experienced many pressures and the pastoral care has been complicated at times. Family life has faced significant difficulties.

During the year we have continued to financially support the work of Open Doors, Pastor Leonard in Embo, Mission Aviation Fellowship, International Mission to Jewish People and the East Dorset CAP Centre. We receive regular news from these organisations and pray for them.

Door-to-door visitation and delivery of the Good News paper was sporadic throughout 2023.

Seasonal visits were held at Turbary Court during the year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At the end of the year, our membership included 36 adult members.

There was one joyous baptism during the year. John Freer was baptised in December 2023. This was the first baptism in the newly renovated building. It was thrilling to hear John's testimony and to rejoice together.

In January, we began to hire rooms out to community organisations, namely TumbleTots, Cocaine Anonymous and the Medical Practice next door. This has been of benefit both for the community and for the income of the church.

The following questions help us to assess our successes during the year:

- Have we taught people the truth from the Bible?

Yes. On Sundays in our public meetings, in the mid-week fellowship groups and informally, there has been faithful bible teaching. This has been evaluated by our eldership team throughout the year.

- Have we reminded people of the centrality of Jesus?

Yes, by celebrating communion together regularly at our meetings as a community, we have reminded ourselves of who we are in Christ.

- Have we given the community opportunities to engage with the message of Jesus and consider spiritual matters?

Yes, through community visitation, online uploads and at our services people have been given the opportunity to engage with the message of Jesus.

- Have we prayed faithfully as a church?

Yes, in our Sunday services and online we have continued to do so.

- Have we supported people in the fellowship?

To the best of our ability, we have sought to care for people in our church community. The pastoral care team in the church has been in contact with people on a regular and continual basis throughout the year. We continue to seek to create a culture of love and care for people.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:



- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Giles Peter Woodcraft	Stuart William John Smith

Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

14th January 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Church Ferndown

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope Church Ferndown (the Charity) for the year ended 5th April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I can 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 the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew A Clark FCA
Carter & Coley, Chartered Accountants
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14th January 2025

HOPE CHURCH FERNDOWN CIO Charity No. 1181924
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
INCOME								
Income from Charitable Activities	1	60,978.11	83,335.23	144,313.34	1	55,094.50	101,415.10	156,509.60
Income from investments	2	566.34	2,963.42	3,529.76	2	202.21	2,332.06	2,534.27
Total Income		61,544.45	86,298.65	147,843.10		55,296.71	103,747.16	159,043.87
EXPENDITURE								
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	58,468.51	284,261.14	342,729.65	3	61,712.08	130,701.87	192,413.95
Total Expenditure		58,468.51	284,261.14	342,729.65		61,712.08	130,701.87	192,413.95
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		3,075.94	(197,962.49)	(194,886.55)		(6,415.37)	(26,954.71)	(33,370.08)
Fund Balances brought forward		31,117.48	242,117.68	273,235.16		37,532.85	269,072.39	306,605.24
Building Fund transferred from previous year								
Fund Balances carried forward 5/4/2024		34,193.42	44,155.19	78,348.61		31,117.48	242,117.68	273,235.16
BALANCE SHEET as at 5th APRIL 2024								
FIXED ASSETS			05/04/2024				05/04/2023	
			120,000.00				120,000.00	
CURRENT ASSETS								
Cash at Bank Current Account			8,636.72				12,359.00	
Cash at Bank Giro Account (Deposit)	4		21,879.90		4		25,735.04	
Cash at Bank Giro fund Account (Building Fund)			12,778.55		6		32,058.17	
Cash at Bank (Building Fund) Kingdom Bank			0.00		6		85,909.14	
Cash at Bank (Building Fund) Redwood Bank			0.00		6		86,363.43	
Cash at Bank (CAP Account)			35,053.44		9		30,810.38	
Total Current assets			78,348.61				273,235.16	
Current liabilities								
NET ASSETS			120,000.00	78,348.61			120,000.00	273,235.16
CAPITAL AND RESERVES								
Church Building			120,000.00				120,000.00	
Unrestricted Funds			34,193.42				31,117.48	
Restricted Funds			44,155.19				242,117.68	
TOTAL			120,000.00	78,348.61			120,000.00	273,235.16

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. INCOME from CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Donations		49,472.58	309.66	49,782.24	10	45,026.56	400.00	45,426.56
Room Hire		900.00		900.00				
Building Fund	6		51,825.00	51,825.00	6		44,800.00	44,800.00
HMRC Refund	10	10,046.53	3,419.61	13,466.14	10	8,670.75	8,159.00	16,829.75

HOPE CHURCH FERNDOWN CIO Charity No. 1181924
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024
Bus Stop Club Contra (Electricity, CAP & £100 outreach)

Sundries	7,8	559.00	357.58	916.58	0.00	0.00	993.52	879.50	993.52
CAP	9		27,423.38	27,423.38		7,8	403.67	47,176.60	1,283.17
Total Income		60,978.11	83,335.23	144,313.34			55,094.50	101,415.10	156,509.60

2. INCOME from INVESTMENT									
Interest on Cash Account		21.48		21.48				0.00	202.21
Interest on Deposit Account		544.86		544.86					
Interest on Building Fund Accounts			2,158.41	2,158.41				2,174.54	2,174.54
Interest on CAP Account			805.01	805.01				157.52	157.52
TOTAL Bank interest		566.34	2,963.42	3,529.76			202.21	2,332.06	2,534.27

3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES									
Salary, Pension and Expenses		37,841.58		37,841.58			44,453.85	120.00	44,573.85
Visiting preacher Expenses		795.00		795.00			2,260.00		2,260.00
Church buildings, cleaning and utilities		3,369.57		3,369.57			3,227.72		3,227.72
Maintenance, repairs, equipment		2,858.72		2,858.72			478.69		478.69
Legal, copyright and Insurance expenses		2,915.14		2,915.14			2,027.93		2,027.93
Kitchen and catering		1,081.33		1,081.33			549.38		549.38
Ministry, Youth and Sunday school		261.23		261.23			84.02		84.02
Missionary and Outreach	5	6,050.63	327.58	6,378.21		5	6,925.18	591.50	7,516.68
Administration		2,019.79		2,019.79			802.67		802.67
Sundry expenses and books	7,8	1,275.52	339.66	1,615.18		7,8	902.64	1,205.00	2,107.64
Building Expenditure	6		257,397.87	257,397.87		6		116,101.69	116,101.69
CAP Expenditure	9		26,196.03	26,196.03		9		12,683.68	12,683.68
TOTAL		58,468.51	284,261.14	342,729.65			61,712.08	130,701.87	192,413.95

4. DESIGNATED FUNDS									
Deposit Account									
Interest		544.86					202.21		
Balance at 6/4/2023		25,735.04					30532.83		
Income		12,500.00					10000.00		
Expenditure		16,900.00					15000.00		
Balance at 5/4/2024		21,879.90					25,735.04		

5. MISSIONARY FUNDS and Outreach UNRESTRICTED									
Brought Forward									
EMBO		1,211.00	700.00	511.00		MAF	2,606.00	2,500.00	106.00
FIEC		1,211.00	1,164.00	47.00		CAP	2,083.00	3,000.00	(917.00)
IMJP		1,212.00	850.00	362.00		Open Doors	522.00	721.00	(199.00)
MAF		1,210.00	1,376.00	(166.00)		Other Mission	200.00	200.00	0.00
Open Doors		1,209.42	1,058.00	151.42		Outreach	0.00	504.18	(504.18)
CAP (1436 included in 2097 transferred to CAP Account)				(1,436.00)					
Outreach		902.63	902.63	0.00					
TOTAL		6,956.05	6,050.63	(530.58)			5,411.00	6,925.18	(1,514.18)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024

RESTRICTED FUNDS

5. MISSIONARY and Outreach RESTRICTED

	Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp		Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp
IMJP	270.00	270.00	0.00	HMRC	115.00		115.00
Open Doors	57.58	57.58	0.00	CAP (from Bus Stop Club)			0.00
				Open Doors Sunday	331.00	331.00	0.00
				Aurel Vidal IMJP	128.50	160.50	(32.00)
				Outreach Flyers	100.00	100.00	0.00
				Samaritan's Purse (Ukraine crisis)			0.00
TOTAL	327.58	327.58	0.00		674.50	591.50	83.00
Mission Totals		6,378.21	(530.58)		6,085.50	7,516.68	(927.00)
Mission balance at 6/04/2023			2,097.00				3,024.00
Mission Balance at 5/04/2024			<u>1,566.42</u>				<u>2,097.00</u>

6. BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT (CAF BANK) RESTRICTED

	Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp		Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp
Donations Gift Aid	9,290.00		9,290.00		28,470.00		28,470.00
Late transfer previous year income			0.00		40.00		40.00
Funders and Donations non-Gift Aid	42,500.00		42,500.00		15,800.00		15,800.00
HMRC	2,378.47		2,378.47		7,250.50		7,250.50
Cash	35.00		35.00		530.00		530.00
CAF Bank BLDG Account Interest	568.77		568.77		747.93		747.93
Fees and Construction		257,397.87	(257,397.87)		116,101.69	116,101.69	(116,101.69)
Transferred from other accounts	173,862.21		173,862.21				0.00
TOTAL	228,634.45	257,397.87	(28,763.42)		52,838.43	116,101.69	(63,263.26)
Balance at 5/4/2023			32,058.17			Balance 5/4/22	95321.43
Paid from Deposit Account			9,400.00				
Paid from Cash Account			83.80				
Balance at 5/4/2024			<u>12,778.55</u>			Balance 5/4/23	<u>32058.17</u>

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNTS (OTHER) RESTRICTED

	Income				Income		
Kingdom Bank Account 5/4/23	85,909.14				85,344.92		
Bank Interest	50.60				564.22		
Transferred to CAF BLDG Account	<u>85,959.74</u>				<u>85,909.14</u>		
Redwood Bank Account	86,363.43				85,501.04		
Bank interest	1,539.04				862.39		
Transferred to CAF BLDG Account	<u>87,902.47</u>				<u>86,363.43</u>		54,265.04
BUILDING FUNDS TOTAL 05/04/2024	12,778.55				204,330.74		

7. RESTRICTED SUNDRIES

	Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp		Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp
Open Doors	57.58		57.58		331.00	200.00	131.00
CCIW donations			0.00		420.00	1,005.00	(585.00)

IMUP (Aurel)				0.00	128.50	128.50
Langside (Hazel Funeral)		39.66	(39.66)			
HMRC			0.00			
BUS STOP CLUB			0.00		115.00	115.00
Christmas Gifts	300.00	300.00				
TOTAL	357.58	339.66	17.92		994.50	1,205.00 (210.50)

8. UNRESTRICTED SUNDRIES and books						
	Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp	Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp
General	559.00	1,267.53	(708.53)	343.88	752.00	(408.12)
Every Day with Jesus			0.00	41.88	37.68	4.20
Refund			0.00	17.91		17.91
Books		7.99	(7.99)		112.96	
TOTAL	559.00	1,275.52	(716.52)	403.67	902.64	(386.01)

9. CAP ACCOUNTS (RESTRICTED)				
	Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp	
Bus Stop Club	6,630.94		6,630.94	25,000.00
Donations	6,385.00		6,385.00	4,975.00
Donation Contra			0.00	87.35
Funders	14,407.44		14,407.44	16,926.25
HMRC	1,041.14		1,041.14	793.50
Donor - error			0.00	188.00
Interest	805.01		805.01	157.52
CAP HQ		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	
Miscellaneous		234.00	(234.00)	
To BSC - Raven Lisa			0.00	169.00
Salaries and NEST		20,457.44	(20,457.44)	11,868.39
Expenses Pam and Traceyanne		2,324.59	(2,324.59)	448.99
Expenses Befrienders		0.00	0.00	197.30
Clients		180.00	(180.00)	
TOTAL	29,269.53	26,196.03	3,073.50	48,127.62
				35,443.94

Balance at 5/4/23	30,810.38	100.00
Late transfer CAP to Cash	(266.44)	266.44
Late transfer Cash to CAP	1,436.00	5,000.00
RECONCILED at 5/04/24	35,053.44	30,810.38

	Income	Expenditure	Inc - Exp
10. Miscellaneous			
Income 1st 3 columns on Monthly breakdown			
HMRC receipt (general)	10,046.53		54,097.31
HMRC receipt Missions)			8,670.75
HMRC building			115.00
HMRC CAP	2,378.47		7,250.50
CCIW	1,041.14		793.50
Open Doors			420.00
Xmas gifts			331.00
INCOME	13,466.14		8,910.00
			45,026.56