

FUTUREHOPE HERTFORD AND WARE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1186296

OFFICE ADDRESS: PIONEER HALL, 11 WARE ROAD, HERTFORD, S13 7DZ

Trustees

Ian Tyler

Andrea Barker

Jonathan Thompson (has replaced David Abbott)

Organisational Structure

The charity has three Trustees, three paid employees (a Youth Development Worker, a Mentoring Lead and a Project Manager), a volunteer Treasurer and a team of around 15 unpaid volunteers helping with the various services we offer.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable object of FUTUREhope Hertford and Ware is 'to provide an effective and accessible mentoring and support service in Hertford and Ware to young people between the ages of 11 and 18 inclusive, in order to reduce anti-social behaviour, social exclusion and criminal offending; to advance their education and development and enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.'

The main activities of the charity are based in the towns of Hertford and Ware through the following programmes:

- One-to-one Mentoring: meeting local young people for an hour a week, every week, for a year, to offer support, advice and someone to listen.
- A minibus that acts as a mobile youth centre, which goes out into the community to locations where young people are, as well as providing a presence at local events and galas.
- Schools Work: running educational sessions and/or group work sessions within the school setting.
- An after school Drop In youth club/cafe at our building, where young people can hang out with friends, play games, get refreshments and chat to our team of volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

2024 was another successful year for the charity.

We continued to help large numbers of young people with our key areas of outreach – Mentoring, the Minibus, the Drop In Café and Schools Sessions – all flourishing with a team of amazing volunteers.

We provided 400 hours of one-to-one mentoring with young people who are referred to us by schools, GPs or parents, being assigned a trained and carefully matched mentor and seen every week for a year.

Our mobile youth centre Minibus continued to go out on Friday evenings to meet with young people where they are – local parks and the Lido – and to provide them with a safe, warm space where they can get hot chocolate and snacks, be away from potential trouble and find a friendly non-judgemental team member to listen and offer advice if needed.

Our after school Drop In Café offering table tennis, table football, pool, video games and a chill out zone was attended by an average of 24 young people a week with some sessions serving around 35. A range of different milkshakes went down particularly well.

We delivered a number of different educational sessions in local schools, which were attended by a total of 440 pupils. The topics for these included Drugs and Alcohol Awareness and Internet Safety. We also took the minibus into the playgrounds of three schools at lunchtimes for informal sessions where young people could talk to our team and find out more about our services.

Across the year, we put on a series of training workshops for our volunteers and mentors and in September our core team attended a training course organised by an organisation who specialise in delivering impactful sessions in schools. We also had two Strategy Awaydays, in April and June, to consider all aspects of our work and outreach and to formulate plans for moving forward.

Fund-raising events across the year included a coffee morning in April, an Open Day at our building in May, a local art exhibition in June and running a stall at the Hertford Summer Funday. These events helped us to raise not just some very welcome funds but also our profile in the town as we chatted to the community and gave out leaflets detailing our work.

We also attended the Hertford Christmas Gala and the Ware Dickensian Night in the autumn with our minibus. These events gave us the opportunity to park up in the

middle of each town and welcome on-board young people who were out and about to hear more about FUTUREhope and get some free refreshments.

With the help of some local and national grant schemes, we undertook some maintenance work on our building including installing new and more energy-efficient lighting and heating in January, and loft insulation in March.

Financial Review

The income and expenditure was as planned for this year. The charity continues to cover all costs for its work, with the figure for Receipts higher than that for Payments and with an increased total for grants compared to previous years. The main revenue of income continues to be from local people and local churches and the charity continues to be grateful for their support in its work.

We are also active in trying to secure local and national grants to fund our outreach work, the upkeep of the building and other running costs.

Trustees

We should also note that as of April 2025 one of our Trustees, David Abbott, has left the position and has been replaced by a new Trustee, Jonathan Thompson. This change has been reflected in our listing on the Charity Commission website.

Date: 22/04/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2024

To

Period end date
31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Balance brought forward		-	-	-	17,048
Regular donors	22,445	-	-	22,445	22,400
Churches	5,244			5,244	5,102
One-off	7,965	-	-	7,965	2,439
Grants	51,100	-	-	51,100	21,775
Schools	3,614	-	-	3,614	2,574
Fundraising	1,263	-	-	1,263	7,310
Users	1,073	-	-	1,073	1,570
Other and Gift Aid	311	-	-	311	6,987
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	93,015	-	-	93,015	87,205
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	93,015	-	-	93,015	87,205
A3 Payments					
Salaries	43,041			43,041	40,037
Pensions	1,669	-	-	1,669	1,506
Payroll admin	342			342	290
Expenses/resources/staff travel	849	-	-	849	1,683
Repairs/cleaning/insurance	9,798	-	-	9,798	16,204
Training	1,068			1,068	348
Internet/mobiles	544			544	528
Stationery	468	-	-	468	262
Equipment	628	-	-	628	1,491
Utilities	2,785	-	-	2,785	2,243
Vehicle	2,150	-	-	2,150	1,891
Drop-in cafe	1,942			1,942	2,486
Other	2,743	-	-	2,743	1,740
Sub total	68,027	-	-	68,027	70,709
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	68,027	-	-	68,027	70,709
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,988	-	-	24,988	16,496
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,496	-	-	16,496	-
Cash funds this year end	41,484	-	-	41,484	16,496

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Futurehope Hertford and Ware

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1186296

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 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.

Signed:

SFWilson

Date:

01/04/2025

Name:

SEAN WILSON

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

Address:

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St Albans

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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.