

FUTUREHOPE HERTFORD AND WARE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1186296

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

Trustees

Ian Tyler

Andrea Barker

Jonathan Thompson

Organisational Structure

The charity has three Trustees, three paid employees (a Youth Development Worker, a Mentoring Lead and a Project Manager), and a team of around 12 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 19 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.' We have also started to support some vulnerable young adults (16-25 years old) who live in 'assisted housing'.

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.
- Supporting young adults in a local 'assisted housing' project – providing them with games evenings and discussion groups.

Achievements and Performance

2025 was a year of consolidating our offering of services for young people and directing our efforts to the areas of most need.

Our programme of providing Mentors for a 12-month period has flourished and we have taken on more young people than ever. In 2025, 28 young people enrolled in the year-long mentoring programme and over 430 hours of Mentoring were provided. Indeed, we are currently being referred so many youngsters by the local schools that we have a short waiting list, and we would benefit from either more volunteers or being able to take on another paid youth worker.

Apart from a short period when it was off the road for maintenance, the Mobile Youth Centre Minibus has been a continued presence in the two towns this year. In fact, we have been able to increase the usage, by taking it out for after-school sessions as well and the evenings that we were already doing. By providing a safe, warm, friendly space out in places where young people congregate, we have been able to reduce anti-social behaviour and ensure that young people are protected from harm.

We have also been able to run a number of different courses and presentations in local schools as part of their PSHE curriculum - including successful, interactive sessions covering Drugs and Alcohol Awareness, Internet Safety and Healthy Relationships. More than 500 pupils attended these sessions in 2025.

We were proud to receive a glowing reference from a local headmaster for the work we do in his school.

"Chauncy School has worked closely with FUTUREhope for many years, and we rely on their services to assist and support our young people through the challenges associated with adolescence. Whether that be individual mentoring, providing specialist workshops in drugs and alcohol awareness, running Personal, Social and Health Education classes or assemblies on a variety of topics, FUTUREhope always delivers, and their work is highly appreciated by our students and their parents. Good people who provide outstanding service to the young people of Hertford and Ware".

(Steve Walton, Headmaster of Chauncy School)

The area of our work that has changed is the Drop-In Youth Café that we ran for around 18 months in our building in Hertford. Although it began well with strong numbers attending, we got to a point where it was becoming harder to draw the sort of young people most in need of help into the building after school. We realised that there was a greater need out in the community where teenagers more naturally congregate. For this reason, we switched our resource from the café to 'detached' youth work, with volunteers providing a presence in local parks and public spaces after school.

Fund-raising events across the year included a Quiz Night in our building and a Cakes and Cards Sale. These two events helped us to raise not just some very welcome funds (£3,492) but also raise our profile in the town as we chatted to the attendees about our work.

We also attended two Community events in 2025 - the Hertford Christmas Gala and the Ware Dickensian Night. 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 the services we provide.

We have established a good connection with a number of young people who had been facing homelessness, but who are now living in assisted housing near to our building – supporting them with time, resources and advice where we are able to.

We made some more improvements to our old building - gutting and reconfiguring our two toilet areas to provide much better and more modern facilities and to create a disabled/accessible toilet for hall users.

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 money in balanced with that for money out. The main source of revenue continues to be from regular giving provided by 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. In 2025 these included funds from the Garfield Weston and Shanly Foundations and the Sovereign Network Group.

Trustees

There were no changes to our board of Trustees in 2025 with Ian Tyler, Andrea Barker and Jonathan Thompson all remaining in their roles.

Date: 18/05/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

FUTUREHOPE HERTFORD AND WARE

11/12/2025

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

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	41,500	-	-	41,500	16,512
Regular donors	20,563	-	-	20,563	22,445
Churches	5,469	-	-	5,469	5,244
One-off	8,623	-	-	8,623	7,965
Grants	14,800	-	-	14,800	51,100
Schools	2,838	-	-	2,838	3,614
Fundraising	3,674	-	-	3,674	1,263
Users	5,665	-	-	5,665	1,073
Other and Gift Aid	11,666	-	-	11,666	311
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	114,798	-	-	114,798	109,527
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	114,798	-	-	114,798	109,527
A3 Payments					
Salaries	52,522	-	-	52,522	43,041
Pensions	1,889	-	-	1,889	1,669
Payroll admin	359	-	-	359	342
Expenses/resources/staff travel	821	-	-	821	849
Repairs/cleaning/insurance	21,474	-	-	21,474	9,798
Training	902	-	-	902	1,068
Internet/mobiles	676	-	-	676	544
Stationery	329	-	-	329	468
Equipment	245	-	-	245	628
Utilities	1,947	-	-	1,947	2,785
Vehicle	2,963	-	-	2,963	2,150
Drop-in cafe	320	-	-	320	1,942
Mentoring	2,592	-	-	2,592	2,743
Other	9,024	-	-	9,024	-
Sub total	96,063	-	-	96,063	68,027
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	96,063	-	-	96,063	68,027
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,735	-	-	18,735	41,500
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	18,735	-	-	18,735	41,500

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))	-	-	-

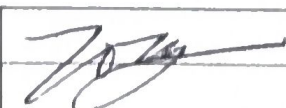
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JONATHAN THOMPSON	03/04/26



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 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1186296

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (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:

S.F. Wilson

Date:

05/04/2026

Name:

SEAN WILSON

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

Address:

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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.

N/A