

# THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1190127

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-06-25

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE UK OR ABROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO, ARE INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND FAITH:(1) THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS;(2) 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;(3) THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FAITH THROUGH EVANGELISM, PREACHING, BIBLE TEACHING OR TRAINING.

**Activities:** The Trust seeks to advance the Christian faith through partnership with organisations that provide relief to those in need and that promote Christian education. For example, the Trust currently employs a debt centre manager in partnership with Christians Against Poverty.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Oxfordshire

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £66,276 | £69,117     | -      | -         |
| 2024-06-30 | £65,893 | £72,759     | -      | -         |
| 2023-06-30 | £71,779 | £66,171     | -      | -         |
| 2022-06-30 | £76,143 | £37,346     | -      | -         |
| 2021-06-30 | £38,461 | £34,537     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                            | Role  | Appointed  |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Dr Georgina Prineppi</b>     | Chair | 2022-07-05 |
| Andrew John Butterworth         |       | 2024-02-19 |
| Andrew Turnbull                 |       | 2020-05-01 |
| Douglas Augustus Watson         |       | 2025-07-21 |
| James William Paterson          |       | 2021-06-24 |
| Rebecca Sylvia Charlotte Pillar |       | 2020-06-25 |

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# Accounts

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**Financial Statements and Trustees' Annual Report**

*1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025*

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## The Hope Trust Oxford General Information

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| Registered charity name                 | The Hope Trust Oxford   |
| Charity number                          | 1190127   |
| Principal and registered office address | 1-2 Roger Bacon Lane<br>Oxford<br>OX1 1QE   |
| Trustees                                | Georgina Prineppi<br>Rebecca Pillar<br>James Paterson<br>Andrew Turnbull<br>Andrew Butterworth<br>Douglas Watson (appointed 21 July 2025) |
| Independent Examiner                    | SPX Oxford Ltd<br>Peace House<br>19 Paradise Street<br>Oxford<br>OX1 1LD  |

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts for the period ending 30th June 2025.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### ***Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document***

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- the promotion of Christian education and faith through evangelism, preaching, Bible teaching or training.

### ***Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts***

The Trust's main means of relieving poverty and supporting the advancement of the Christian faith in Oxford currently is through providing and sponsoring the St Ebbe's Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre. The Hope Trust does this by employing one full-time and one part-time position, which enable the St Ebbe's CAP Debt Centre and Life Skills works. We also make a monthly contribution of £600 to CAP Head Office as part of this arrangement.

As part of our partnership with Safe Families and St Ebbe's Church, we also made a further contribution of £5,000 during the year to support a part-time worker for this excellent cause.

At the beginning of the 2024-25 financial year, the staffing of the Debt Centre consisted solely of a full-time Debt Centre Manager; we were then very pleased to welcome a new part-time CAP Debt and Life Skills Coach in October 2024.

The CAP ministry's expenses for this financial year included the costs of continuing to run a community café and providing a weekly hot lunch for the Life Skills group members. The community café continues to run weekly. It is a hub for clients and people interested in the work of CAP to socialise and talk through debt issues in a more informal setting, as well as find out a bit more about church and Christianity if they would like. The café is now based at St Ebbe's Church, Oxford.

As well as the Debt Help service, we ran two Life Skills Courses and two CAP Money courses this financial year, despite being without a Life Skills Coach for much of the time. These are 8-10 week courses which aim to support and empower people living on a low income by equipping them with many practical money saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget and making their money go further.

**Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

All trustees have read and had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Contribution made by volunteers**

The Debt Centre has a team of eight befriender volunteers. They accompany the Debt Coach on visits and focus on the non-debt related needs of the client, such as facilitating bringing the client into the community and helping with practical tasks. There are also three volunteers who assist with Life Skills, befriending and supporting the group members, and helping with practical tasks. Some volunteers also come along to the weekly CAP Cafe hosted at St Ebbe's.

**Achievements and Performance**

***Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.***

In spring 2025, we were delighted to appoint our new Chairperson, Georgina Prineppi, who took over after Rebecca Pillar's five years in this role.

The CAP Debt Centre has continued to make a huge difference to people's lives in the way that the Debt Centre Manager and Life Skills Coach, as well as the volunteers, have shown practical care, empathy and a listening ear, and worked hard to strengthen community relationships. Many clients have made significant progress on their journey towards becoming debt free. Life Skills and CAP Money Course members have learned new ways to lift the pressure of life on a low income, as well as gained valuable benefits from being in community with each other.

The Debt Centre and Life Skills Course has had referrals from all over Oxford - Cowley, Blackbird Leys, Barton, Marston, Headington, Littlemore, and from St Ebbe's parish. Referrals come from the JobCentre, Turning Point, Crisis, Edge Housing, social services, GP Social Prescribers, the church, UnRebel, and word of mouth. There is a mix of employed, unemployed and retired people, as well as those unable to work due to poor physical or mental health. There is a mixture of ages and ethnicity. With the debt clients is a variety in debt: some only have debt from one source, some have debts from several. The amount of debt varies from a few thousand pounds to many thousands of pounds.

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The Life Skills Courses continue to be a valuable support to those struggling with life on a low income, as well as providing a warm community to those struggling with loneliness and isolation. Life Skills is an 8-10 week course and consists of three components: the Course itself, which includes sessions on budgeting, shopping on a budget, eating healthily, staying on top of home energy bills, and maintaining healthy relationships during stressful times; Community - each session includes a lunch where members can chat, make friends, learn

from each other and support each other; and Coaching - each member is encouraged to set personal goals and work towards them with one-to-one support from the Life Skills Manager and Life Skills Coach. A great sense of community has developed through each of the courses, and we have held periodic reunions to catch up with former members. Members have commented *“Very friendly environment”...“The people are just so nice and kind”...“Helped me realise things and how to make little changes”, and “I plan to cook more to save money”*

Finally, we were thrilled that members of St Ebbe’s Church Oxford sponsored Christmas hampers for CAP clients, they brought much joy and encouragement!

## **Financial Review**

### **Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period**

The final sum in the bank account at the end of our financial year (30th June 2025) was £38,621.11 (2024: £41,462.02).

Total income was mostly in the form of both restricted and unrestricted donations, grants, gift aid and interest and amounted to £66,276.20 (2024: £65,892.63). As part of this figure, a seed donor gave £10,000, and a Harvest fund from St Ebbe’s Church raised £22,160. Grace Church, Cowley also very kindly gifted £6,500.

Total expenditure was £69,117.09 (2024: £72,758.97)

At the end of the financial year, the Trust held £38,621.11 of reserves (2024: £41,462.02).

There are no material uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The type of governing document for The Hope Trust Oxford is a constitution that is based on the Charity Commission foundation model for a CIO. The constitution also includes a 1-page ‘Basis of Faith’ to which all trustees are asked to agree to on appointment to the trustee board.

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

St Ebbe’s PCC (registered charity 1127816) is deemed a related party of the Hope Trust Oxford since it has a common trustee. During the year, the Hope Trust Oxford received donations from St Ebbe’s amounting to £29,957 (2024: £21,243).

### **Trustee selection methods**

Apart from the first three charity trustees (named in the constitution and the founding members), every charity trustee must be appointed for a maximum of three years by a resolution passed by at least a 75% majority at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.


In accordance with the constitution, a charity trustee whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for reappointment for up to two further three-year terms, but a trustee who has served nine years in total shall not be eligible for reappointment until at least one full year has elapsed.

The charity's key management personnel are trustees, who are all volunteers.

### Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| <b>Signature</b> |  |
| <b>Full name</b> | Georgina Prineppi  |
| <b>Position</b>  | Chair of Trustees  |
| <b>Date</b>      | 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2026   |

## Accounts


1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 – all to the nearest £

|                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds   | Prior year    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>       |                    |                  |               |               |
| Individual donations  | 12,221             | 2,942            | 15,163        | 3,689         |
| Seed donor            | 10,000             | -                | 10,000        | 25,000        |
| Grants                | -                  | 8,700            | 8,700         | 15,400        |
| St Ebbes Donation     | 28,660             | 1,297            | 29,957        | 21,243        |
| Interest              | 88                 | -                | 88            | 110           |
| Gift Aid              | 2,275              | -                | 2,275         | 444           |
| Other                 | 94                 | -                | 94            | 7             |
| <b>Total receipts</b> | <b>53,337</b>      | <b>12,939</b>    | <b>66,276</b> | <b>65,893</b> |

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|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Payments</b>                |       |        |        |        |
| Admin support salary           | 5,020 | -      | 5,020  | 3,406  |
| Payroll provider               | -     | 490    | 490    | 350    |
| Bank charges                   | 45    | 15     | 60     | 66     |
| HMRC                           | -     | 5,649  | 5,649  | 6,670  |
| NEST                           | -     | 4,646  | 4,646  | 4,070  |
| Insurance                      | 356   | -      | 356    | 325    |
| Website                        | 303   | -      | 303    | 239    |
| Parish worker salary           | -     | 2,500  | 2,500  | 10,833 |
| CAP DCM salary                 | -     | 25,122 | 25,122 | 14,343 |
| CAP life skills manager salary | -     | -      | -      | 14,437 |
| CAP LSC salary                 | -     | 10,669 | 10,669 | 3,000  |
| CAP contribution               | -     | 7,200  | 7,200  | 7,200  |
| CAP ministry                   | -     | -      | -      | 1,300  |

| <b>Payments - <i>continued</i></b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Restricted funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> | <b>Prior year</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Medhurst Ministries contribution   | -                         | -                       | -                  | 266               |
| Accountancy fees                   | -                         | -                       | -                  | 378               |
| Marketing                          | 58                        | -                       | 58                 | -                 |
| Office supplies                    | 236                       | -                       | 236                | 396               |
| Staff expenses                     | 100                       | 1,260                   | 1,360              | 90                |
| Safe Families                      | 5,000                     | -                       | 5,000              | 5,000             |
| Legal fees                         | -                         | -                       | -                  | 390               |
| Trustee expenses                   | 58                        | -                       | 58                 | -                 |
| Independent examiner's fee         | 390                       | -                       | 390                | -                 |
| <b>Total payments</b>              | <b>11,566</b>             | <b>57,551</b>           | <b>69,117</b>      | <b>72,759</b>     |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | <b>41,771</b>             | <b>-44,612</b>          | <b>-2,841</b>      | <b>-6,866</b>     |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>     | <b>-43,877</b>            | <b>43,877</b>           | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>          |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>    | <b>40,727</b>             | <b>735</b>              | <b>41,462</b>      | <b>48,328</b>     |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>    | <b>38,621</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>38,621</b>      | <b>41,462</b>     |

Signed on behalf of all the trustees:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Signature</b> |  |
| <b>Full name</b> | Georgina Prineppi  |
| <b>Position</b>  | Chair of Trustees  |
| <b>Date</b>      | 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2026   |



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
 members of**

**The Hope Trust Oxford**

**On accounts for the year  
 ended**

30 June 2025

**Charity no  
 (if any)**

**1190127**

**Set out on pages**

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**Respective responsibilities  
 of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
 examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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.*

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| <b>Signed:</b> |  | <b>Date:</b> | 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 |
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| <b>Name:</b> | Sheila Parry |
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| <b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b> | FCCA |
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# Accounts

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serving our community, sharing Christ

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| Trustees                                | Rebecca Pillar (Chair)<br>James Paterson<br>Georgina Prineppi<br>Andrew Turnbull<br>Andrew Butterworth |
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The CAP Debt centre underwent some personnel changes this year. In September 2023, the Debt Centre Manager took on a new role at St Ebbe's Church, so she phased out her work with the Hope Trust, going down to 1-2 days per week until February 2024 to allow for handover to the new Debt Centre Manager, and finishing completely with the Trust in February 2024. She continues to be a valuable volunteer. The existing Debt Coach and Life Skills Manager took over as Debt Centre Manager during this time and went up to working for five days per week. In January 2024, the Life Skills Coach handed in her notice to finish at the end of March 2024 as she went full time in her other job. The Trust advertised for replacements, but the roles were not filled this year.

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As well as the Debt Help service, we were able to run three Life Skills Courses this financial year. These are 8-10 week courses which aim to support and empower people living on a low

income by equipping them with many practical money saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget and making their money go further.

The Hope Trust has continued its two-year pledge to support a local community worker on the staff of St Ebbe's church which will finish in August 2024. The local community worker has a two-year contract at St Ebbe's, and The Hope Trust gives monthly gifts to St Ebbe's for this purpose, given the shared aims between the two charities in the St Ebbe's parish. THTO's support is intended as seed funding in hopes that the church will be able to fund the role after the initial two years.

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## **Financial Review**

### **Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

The final sum in the bank account at the end of our financial year (30th June 2024) was £41,462.02 (2023: £48,328.36).

Total income was mostly in the form of both restricted and unrestricted donations, grants, gift aid and interest and amounted to £65,892.63 (2023: £71,778.95). As part of this figure, a seed donor gave £25,000 and a Harvest fund from St Ebbe's Church raised just over £21,240. The remaining income came from trusts and foundations, individuals, gift aid and interest.

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| <b>Trustees</b>    | <b>Date of appointment</b>     |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rebecca Pillar     | 25th May 2020                  |
| James Paterson     | 10th July 2021                 |
| Georgina Prineppi  | 19th July 2022                 |
| Andrew Turnbull    | 25th May 2020                  |
| Andrew Butterworth | 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 |

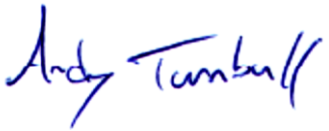
The charity's key management personnel are trustees, who are all volunteers.

The charity entered into a non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding with St Ebbe's Church and the congregation leaders of St Ebbe's are invited to recommend individuals who may be considered appropriate for the position of trustee.

**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| <b>Signature</b>                          |  |
| <b>Full name</b>                          | Andrew Turnbull  |
| <b>Position eg. secretary, chair etc.</b> | Trustee  |
| <b>Date</b>                               | 24.03.2025   |

## Accounts

1st July 2023 - 30th June 2024

### Receipts and payments

| <u>Receipts</u>      | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2024<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2023<br>to the nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Individual donations | 2,249                                  | 1,440                                | 3,689                                   | 25,689                                  |
| Seed donor           | 25,000                                 | -                                    | 25,000                                  | 45,900                                  |
| Grants               | -                                      | 15,400                               | 15,400                                  |   |
| St Ebbe's Donation   | 20,304                                 | 939                                  | 21,243                                  |   |
| Interest             | 110                                    | -                                    | 110                                     | 104                                     |
| Gift Aid             | 444                                    | -                                    | 444                                     | 86                                      |
| Other                | -                                      | 8                                    | 8                                       | 0                                       |
| <b>Sub total</b>     | <b>48,106</b>                          | <b>17,786</b>                        | <b>65,893</b>                           | <b>71,779</b>                           |

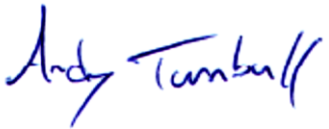
| <u>Payments</u>                                       | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2024<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2023<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Admin support salary                                  | 3,407                                  |                                      | 3,407                                   | 6,250                                   |
| Payroll provider                                      | 350                                    |                                      | 350                                     | 420                                     |
| Bank charges  | 66                                     |                                      | 66                                      | 75                                      |
| HMRC  | 1,330                                  | 5,340                                | 6,670                                   | 5,899                                   |
| NEST pensions   | 3,749                                  | 322                                  | 4,071                                   | 4,209                                   |
| Insurance   | 325                                    |                                      | 325                                     | 282                                     |
| Website   |  | 239                                  | 239                                     | 226                                     |
| Parish worker salary                                  |  | 10,833                               | 10,833                                  | 6,667                                   |
| Christians Against Poverty debt centre manager salary |  | 14,343                               | 14,343                                  | 13,995                                  |

|   |                              |        |               |               |
|---|------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| Christians Against Poverty life skills manager salary |                              | 14,437 |               | 13,318        |
| Christians Against Poverty life skills coach salary   |                              | 3,000  | 3,000         | 2,668         |
| Christians Against Poverty contribution               |                              | 7,200  | 7,200         | 7,200         |
| Christians Against Poverty ministry                   | Hampers, café etc (expenses) | 1,300  | 1,300         | 1,288         |
| Medhurst Ministries contribution                      |                              | 266    | 266           | 2,500         |
| Accountancy fees (incl. Independent Examination)      | 378                          |        | 378           | 360           |
| Marketing   | 0                            |        | 0             | 47            |
| Office supplies                                       | 393                          |        | 393           | 434           |
| Staff expenses  | 41                           | 49     | 90            | 54            |
| Innovista partnership                                 |                              | 0      | 0             | 321           |
| Safe Families   |                              | 5,000  | 5,000         | -             |
| Legal fees  | 390                          |        | 390           | -             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | 10,429                       | 62,329 | <b>72,758</b> | <b>66,173</b> |

|                                 | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Net receipts/payments</b>    | 37,677                              | -44,543                           | -6,866                       |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b> | 42,938                              | 5,390                             | 48,328                       |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>   | -39,888                             | 39,888                            | 0                            |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b> | <b>40,727</b>                       | <b>735</b>                        | <b><u>41,462</u></b>         |

|                                   |                                  | Opening balance | Receipts      | Payments       | Transfers      | Closing balance |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Unrestricted general funds</b> |                                  | <b>42,938</b>   | <b>48,106</b> | <b>-10,429</b> | <b>-39,888</b> | <b>40,727</b>   |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>           |                                  |                 |               |                |                |                 |
| <b>R1</b>                         | Christians Against Poverty (CAP) | 5,390           | 6,711         | -46,231        | 34,130         | 0               |
| <b>R2</b>                         | Medhurst Ministries              | 0               | 1000          | -265           | 0              | 735             |
| <b>R3</b>                         | Parish Worker                    | 0               | 10,075        | -10,833        | 758            | 0               |
| <b>R4</b>                         | Safe Families                    | 0               | 0             | -5,000         | 5,000          | 0               |
| <b>Total restricted funds</b>     |                                  | <b>5,390</b>    | <b>17,786</b> | <b>-62,329</b> | <b>39,888</b>  | <b>735</b>      |
| <b>Total funds</b>                |                                  | <b>48,328</b>   | <b>65,892</b> | <b>-72,758</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>41,462</b>   |

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

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| <b>Signature</b>                          |  |
| <b>Full name</b>                          | Andrew Turnbull   |
| <b>Position eg. secretary, chair etc.</b> | Trustee   |
| <b>Date</b>                               | 24.03.2025  |



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**The Hope Trust Oxford**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 June 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1190127**

**Set out on pages**

1-2 of Receipts and Payments accounts

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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**Basis of independent  
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**Signed:**

*Sheila Parry*

**Date:**

8 April 2025

**Name:**

Sheila Parry

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

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**THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190127

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# Accounts

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**The Hope Trust Oxford**

**Financial Statements and Trustees' Annual Report**

*1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023*

*Charity registration number: 1190127 (England and Wales)*

**The Hope Trust Oxford**  
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## The Hope Trust Oxford General Information

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| Registered charity name                 | The Hope Trust Oxford  |
| Charity number                          | 1190127  |
| Principal and registered office address | 1-2 Roger Bacon Lane<br>Oxford<br>OX1 1QE  |
| Trustees                                | Rebecca Pillar (Chair)<br>Robin Cooper (resigned Dec 2023)<br>James Paterson<br>Georgina Prineppi<br>Andrew Turnbull<br>Andrew Butterworth (joined Feb 2024) |
| Independent Examiner                    | SPX Oxford Ltd<br>Peace House<br>19 Paradise Street<br>Oxford<br>OX1 1LD   |

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts for the period ending 30th June 2023.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### ***Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document***

The purposes of The Hope Trust Oxford are the advancement of the Christian faith in the UK or abroad, with a primary focus in Oxford, in accordance with a Basis of Faith including, but not limited to, the support of charitable or other organisations which, or individuals who, are involved in any of the activities set out in the following clauses as an expression of the Christian life and faith:

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- the promotion of Christian education and faith through evangelism, preaching, Bible teaching or training.

### ***Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts***

The trust's main means of relieving poverty and supporting the advancement of the Christian faith in Oxford currently is its sponsoring of St Ebbe's Christians Against Poverty (CAP) debt centre. We employ a Debt Centre Manager for three days a week and she works with a team of befriender volunteers. We give a monthly contribution of £600 to CAP. The CAP ministry's expenses for this financial year included the costs of continuing to run a community café, and providing a weekly hot lunch for the Life Skills group members from January 2023.

The café continues to run weekly. It is a hub for clients and people interested in the work of CAP to socialise and talk through debt issues in a more informal setting, as well as find out a bit more about church and Christianity if they would like. The café is based at a church in Oxford called Grace Church Cowley.

In June 2022 we interviewed for and appointed a new member of the CAP team – a Life Skills Manager and Debt Coach. This role is a four day a week position and entails supporting the Debt Centre Manager as a debt coach, as well as running Life Skills courses. In addition to this, a Life Skills Coach was appointed to work one day a week to assist with the Life Skills Manager with the Life Skills courses. These are 8-10 week courses which aim to support and empower people living on a low income by equipping them with many practical money saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget and making their money go further. We plan to run three courses a year with up to ten people on each course.

As of Sept 2022, the Hope Trust fulfilled its obligation to support the parish worker. His work is focused on local community, in the deprived area of our local estate, while working in close partnership with St Ebbes Church. St Ebbes Church is his formal employer but the Hope Trust supplies his lion share through monthly gifts through St Ebbe's.

Medhurst Ministries is a Christian charity based in the north of England and specialises in gospel work on estates. The Hope Trust Oxford sponsored Medhurst to visit St Ebbes for a weekend and engage in training with local community outreach team and city centre congregation.

***Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit***

All trustees have read and had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

***Contribution made by volunteers***

The Debt Centre has a team of 8 befriender volunteers. They accompany the Debt Coach on visits and focus on the non-debt related needs of the client, such as facilitating bringing the client into the community and helping with practical tasks. There are also 2 volunteers who assist with Life Skills, befriending and supporting the group members, and helping with practical tasks.

***Achievements and Performance***

***Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.***

The CAP Debt Centre has made a huge difference to people's lives in the way that the Debt Centre Manager, Life Skills Manager and Life Skills Coach, as well as the volunteers, have shown practical care, empathy and a listening ear, and worked hard to strengthen community relationships. Many clients have made significant progress on their journey towards becoming debt free. Life Skills members have learned new ways to lift the pressure of life on a low income, as well as gained valuable benefits from being in community with each other.

The Debt Centre and Life Skills Course has had referrals from all over Oxford - Cowley, Blackbird Leys and Greater Leys, Barton, Marston, Headington and from St Ebbe's parish. Referrals come from the Jobcentre, Turning Point, Crisis, social services, GP Social Prescribers, and word of mouth. There is a mix of employed, unemployed and retired people, as well as those unable to work due to poor physical or mental health. There is a mixture of ages and ethnicity. With the debt clients is a variety in debt: some only have debt from one source, some have debts from several. The amount of debt varies from a few thousand pounds to many thousands of pounds.

Most debt clients are on repayment plans or going through a Debt Relief Order. While a major aim of the centre is to help clients with their finances so that they might become debt free, the Christian motive behind the charity is made explicit right from the start. Clients are asked if they would like prayer and the Centre's links with churches are made known. Clients and Life Skills members are invited along to church events, and several have shown interest, attended services, and have gone further into discipleship courses.

In January 2023, the first Life Skills course was launched. It is an 8-10 week course and consists of three components: the course itself, which includes sessions on budgeting, shopping on a budget, eating healthily, staying on top of home energy bills, and maintaining healthy relationships during stressful times; Community - each session includes a lunch

where members can chat, make friends, learn from each other and support each other; and Coaching - each member is encouraged to set personal goals and work towards them with one-to-one support from the Life Skills Manager and Life Skills Coach. The first course started with 14 members, and a stable core of 10 continued. A great sense of community developed over the course of the meetings, and members commented on how much it had helped to lift the pressure, encouraged them to reach out and get the help they need, and helped them come out of isolation and into community.

## **Financial Review**

### **Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

The final sum in the bank account at the end of our financial year (30th June 2023) was £48,328.36 (2022: £42,720.46).

Total income was in the form of both restricted and unrestricted donations and interest and amounted to £71,778.95 (£41,154.03 restricted to the CAP work, £30,435.00 unrestricted, £103.67 interest and £82.25 gift aid) (2022: £33,836.60 restricted to the CAP work, £42,301.93 unrestricted, £3.63 interest). As part of this figure, a seed donor gave £30,000 and a Harvest fund from St Ebbe's Church raised just over £23,500. The remaining income came from both trusts and foundations and individuals.

Total expenditure was £66,171.05 (2022: £37,346.26).

At the end of the financial year, the Trust held £48,328.36 of reserves (2022: £42,720.46).

There are no material uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The type of governing document for The Hope Trust Oxford is a constitution that is based on the Charity Commission foundation model for a CIO. The constitution also includes a 1-page 'Basis of Faith' to which all trustees are asked to agree to on appointment to the trustee board.

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

### **Trustee selection methods**

Apart from the first three charity trustees (named in the constitution and the founding members), every charity trustee must be appointed for a maximum of three years by a resolution passed by at least a 75% majority at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

In accordance with the constitution, a charity trustee whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for reappointment for up to two further three year terms, but a trustee who has served nine years in total shall not be eligible for reappointment until at least one full year has elapsed.

| <b>Trustees</b>    | <b>Date of appointment</b>                 |
|--------------------|--|
| Rebecca Pillar     | 25th May 2020                              |
| Robin Cooper       | 7th December 2020 (resigned December 2023) |
| James Paterson     | 10th July 2021                             |
| Georgina Prineppi  | 19th July 2022                             |
| Andrew Turnbull    | 25th May 2020                              |
| Andrew Butterworth | 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024             |

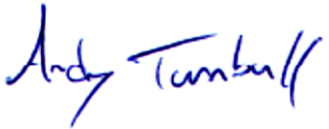
The charity’s key management personnel are trustees, who are all volunteers.

The charity entered into a non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding with St Ebbe’s Church and the congregation leaders of St Ebbe’s are invited to recommend individuals who may be considered appropriate for the position of trustee.

**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

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| <b>Signature</b>                          |  |
| <b>Full name</b>                          | Andrew Turnbull  |
| <b>Position eg. secretary, chair etc.</b> | Trustee  |
| <b>Date</b>                               | 3 April 2024   |

## Accounts

1st July 2022 - 30th June 2023

### Receipts and payments

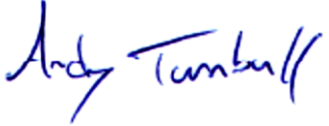
| <b><u>Receipts</u></b>         | <b>Unrestricted funds<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Restricted funds<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Total funds<br/>2023<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Total funds<br/>2022<br/>to the nearest £</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Individual donations           | 435  | 25,254                                       | 25,689   | 63,975   |
| Trust and foundation donations | 30,000   | 15,900                                       | 45,900   | 12,164   |
| Interest                       | 104  | -  | 104  | 4  |
| Gift Aid                       | 86   |  | 86   |  |
| <b>Sub total</b>               | <b>30,625</b>                                  | <b>41,154</b>                                | <b>71,779</b>                                    | <b>76,143</b>                                    |

| <b><u>Payments</u></b>                                | <b>Unrestricted funds<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Restricted funds<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Total funds<br/>2023<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Total funds<br/>2022<br/>to the nearest £</b> |
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| <b>Sub total</b>                                    | 18,256                       | 47,917 | <b>66,173</b> | <b>37,346</b> |

|                                   | <b>Unrestricted funds to the nearest £</b> | <b>Restricted funds to the nearest £</b> | <b>Total funds to the nearest £</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b> | 12,369                                     | -6,763                                   | 5,606                               |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>   | 30,569                                     | 12,153                                   | 42,722                              |
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| <b>Full name</b>                          | Andrew Turnbull   |
| <b>Position eg. secretary, chair etc.</b> | Trustee   |
| <b>Date</b>                               | 3 April 2024  |



**Section A**

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**Signed:**

*Sheila Parry*

**Date:**

9 April 2024

**Name:**

Sheila Parry

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**THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190127

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### ***Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts***

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This café was set up in September 2021 and runs weekly. It is a hub for clients and people interested in the work of CAP to socialise and receive debt advice in a more informal setting, as well as find out a bit more about church and Christianity if they would like. The café is based at a church in Oxford called Grace Church Cowley.

In June 2022 we interviewed for and appointed a new member of the CAP team - a Life Skills Manager and Debt Coach. This role is a four day a week position and entails supporting the debt centre manager as well as running Life Skills courses. These courses support and empower people living on a low income by equipping them with many practical money saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget and making their money go further. We hope to run between three and five courses a year with up to ten people on each course. In these financially challenging times, we believe that this course will be invaluable.

St Ebbe's Church has appointed a new parish worker, to be funded by Hope Trust, and we will be commissioning the charity Innovista to provide support and training to the work of engaging with the local parish, in which there is much social and economic deprivation. Last year, Innovista conducted a needs assessment of St Ebbe's parish. Innovista works to raise up leaders in deprived areas and connect disadvantaged communities with their local church, particularly through youth work and discipleship programmes, transforming people's lives practically and spiritually.

**Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

All trustees have read and had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Contribution made by volunteers**

The debt centre manager has a team of 9 befriender volunteers and is in the process of recruiting another 6. They accompany the manager on visits and focus on the non-debt related needs of the client, such as facilitating bringing the client into the community and helping with practical tasks. There are also 11 volunteers who provide cakes for the café and assist in the running of the café week by week.

**Achievements and Performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.**

The CAP centre has made a huge difference to people's lives in the way that the Debt Centre Manager and volunteers have shown practical care, empathy and a listening ear, and worked hard to strengthen community relationships.

Client numbers have increased to an extent that the debt centre is running at capacity, prompting us to employ a second person to ensure the long-term sustainability of the centre and to enable us to increase client numbers. Since the debt centre opened, we have supported 52 clients. The debt centre manager has seen an almost equal proportion of male and female clients, some with young children. She has had referrals from all over Oxford - Cowley, Blackbird Leys and Greater Leys, Barton, Marston, Headington and from St Ebbe's parish. Clients include two married couples; the rest are single, widowed or divorced. Referrals come from the JobCentre, Turning Point, Crisis, social services and word of mouth. There is a mix of employed, unemployed and retired people, as well as those unable to work due to poor physical or mental health. There is a mixture of ages and ethnicity. There is a variety in debt: some only have debt from one source, some have debts from several. The amount of debt varies from a few thousand pounds to many thousands of pounds.

Most clients are on repayment plans or going through a Debt Relief Order. While a major aim of the centre is to help clients with their finances so that they might become debt free, the Christian motive behind the charity is made explicit right from the start. Clients are asked if they would like prayer and the centre's links with churches are made known. Clients are invited along to church events and several have shown interest, attended services, and have gone further into discipleship courses.

**Financial Review**

**Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

The final sum in the bank account at the end of our financial year (30th June 2022) was £42,720.46 (2021: £3,924.56).

Total income was in the form of both restricted and unrestricted donations and interest and amounted to £76,142.16 (£33,836.60 restricted to the CAP work, £42,301.93 unrestricted, £3.63 interest) (2021: £38,461 all unrestricted). As part of this figure, a seed donor gave £40,000 and a Harvest fund from St Ebbe's Church raised just over £21,600. A trust donated £10,000 to go towards the first year of employment of the St Ebbe's parish worker. The remaining income came from both trusts and foundations and individuals.

Total expenditure was £37,346.26 (2021: £34,536.75).

At the end of the financial year, the Trust held £42,720.46 of reserves (2021: £3,925).

There are no material uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The type of governing document for The Hope Trust Oxford is a constitution that is based on the Charity Commission foundation model for a CIO. The constitution also includes a 1-page 'Basis of Faith' to which all trustees are asked to agree to on appointment to the trustee board.

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

### Trustee selection methods

Apart from the first three charity trustees (named in the constitution and the founding members), every charity trustee must be appointed for a maximum of three years by a resolution passed by at least a 75% majority at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

In accordance with the constitution, a charity trustee whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for reappointment for up to two further three year terms, but a trustee who has served nine years in total shall not be eligible for reappointment until at least one full year has elapsed.

| <b>Trustees</b>   | <b>Date of appointment</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Rebecca Pillar    | 25th May 2020              |
| Robin Cooper      | 7th December 2020          |
| James Paterson    | 10th July 2021             |
| Georgina Prineppi | 19th July 2022             |
| Harriet Smith     | 25th May 2020              |
| Andrew Turnbull   | 25th May 2020              |

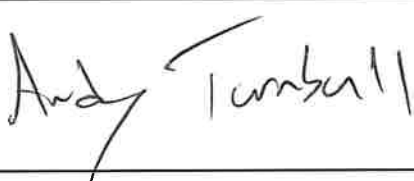
The charity's key management personnel are trustees, who are all volunteers

The charity entered into a non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding with St Ebbe's Church and the congregation leaders of St Ebbe's are invited to recommend individuals who may be considered appropriate for the position of trustee.

**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Signature</b>                          |  |
| <b>Full name</b>                          | Andrew Turnbull  |
| <b>Position eg. secretary, chair etc.</b> | Trustee  |
| <b>Date</b>                               | 8 Dec 2022.  |

## Accounts

1st July 2021 - 30th June 2022

### Receipts and payments

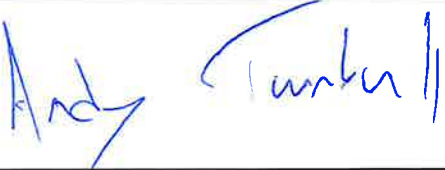
| <u>Receipts</u>                | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2022<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2021<br>to the nearest £ |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Individual donations           | 42,302                                 | 21,673                               | 63,975                                  | 38,461                                  |
| Trust and foundation donations |  | 12,164                               | 12,164                                  |   |
| Interest                       | 4                                      |                                      | 4                                       |   |
| <b>Sub total</b>               | <b>42,306</b>                          | <b>33,837</b>                        | <b>76,143</b>                           | <b>38,461</b>                           |

| <u>Payments</u>                                       | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2022<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>2021<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Admin support salary                                  | 7,114                                  |                                      | 7,114                                   | 6,629                                   |
| Payroll provider                                      | 420                                    |                                      | 420                                     | 280                                     |
| Bank charges  | 102                                    |                                      | 102                                     | 65                                      |
| HMRC  | 4,365                                  |                                      | 4,365                                   | 5,307                                   |
| NEST pensions   | 2,513                                  |                                      | 2,513                                   | 1,727                                   |
| Insurance   | 269                                    |                                      | 269                                     | 262                                     |
| Website   | 403                                    |                                      | 403                                     | 71                                      |
| Christians Against Poverty debt centre manager salary |  | 13,648                               | 13,648                                  | 10,106                                  |
| Christians Against Poverty contribution               |  | 7,200                                | 7,200                                   | 7,200                                   |
| Christians Against Poverty ministry                   |  | 836                                  | 836                                     | 152                                     |
| Accountancy fees (incl.                               | 360                                    |                                      | 360                                     |   |

|                                   |               |               |               |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Independent Examination)          |               |               |               |               |
| Marketing                         | 12            |               | 12            |               |
| Office supplies                   | 14            |               | 14            |               |
| Staff expenses                    | 90            |               | 90            |               |
| Innovista parish needs assessment |               |               |               | 750           |
| Innovista partnership             |               |               |               | 200           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                  | <b>15,662</b> | <b>21,684</b> | <b>37,346</b> | <b>34,537</b> |

|                                   | <b>Unrestricted funds<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Restricted funds<br/>to the nearest £</b> | <b>Total funds<br/>to the nearest £</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b> | 26,644   | 12,153                                       | 38,797                                  |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>   | 3,925  |  | 3,925                                   |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>   | <b>30,569</b>                                  | <b>12,153</b>                                | <b><u>42,721</u></b>                    |

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

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| <b>Signature</b>                          |  |
| <b>Full name</b>                          | Andrew Turnbull  |
| <b>Position eg. secretary, chair etc.</b> | Trustee  |
| <b>Date</b>                               | 8 Dec 2022   |





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**The Hope Trust Oxford**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 June 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1190127**

**Set out on pages**

1-2 of Receipts and Payments accounts

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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:**

*Sheila Parry*

**Date:**

9 December 2022

**Name:**

Sheila Parry

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

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| <b>Address:</b> Peace House, Paradise Street, Oxford OX1 1LD |
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**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.**

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**THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190127

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# Accounts

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**The Hope Trust Oxford - Trustees' Annual Report**  
*25th June 2020 (period start date) to 30th June 2021 (period end date)*  
*Charity registration number: 1190127*

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document**

The purposes of The Hope Trust Oxford are the advancement of the Christian faith in the UK or abroad, with a primary focus in Oxford, in accordance with the Basis of Faith including, but not limited to, the support of charitable or other organisations which, or individuals who, are involved in any of the activities set out in the following clauses as an expression of the Christian life and faith:

- the relief of those in need, hardship or distress;
- 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;
- the promotion of Christian education and faith through evangelism, preaching, Bible teaching or training.

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts**

The trust's main means of relieving poverty and supporting the advancement of the Christian faith in Oxford currently is its sponsoring of St Ebbe's *Christians Against Poverty* debt centre. We employ a debt centre manager for three days a week and she works with a team of befriender volunteers. We give a monthly contribution of £600 to *Christians Against Poverty*. The CAP ministry's expenses included for this financial year included the funding of Christmas hampers for the clients.

Hope Trust commissioned the charity Innovista to conduct a needs assessment of St Ebbe's parish. Innovista works to raise up leaders in deprived areas and connect disadvantaged communities with their local church, particularly through youth work and discipleship programmes, transforming people's lives practically and spiritually.

### **Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

All trustees have read and had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Contribution made by volunteers**

The debt centre manager has a team of ten befriender volunteers. They accompany the manager on visits and focus on the non-debt related needs of the client, such as facilitating bringing the client into community and helping with practical tasks.

## **Achievements and Performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.**

The debt centre was launched during the Covid pandemic and, initially, client uptake was slow. However, since early 2021, client numbers have increased to an extent that the debt centre is now running at capacity, accepting 4 new referrals each month. In May 2021 as the lockdown restrictions eased, we were finally able to offer home-based appointments to clients, having only been able to carry out church-based and phone appointments previously. Since the Debt Centre opened, the debt centre manager has seen both male and female clients, some with young children. She has had referrals from various parts of Oxford. There is a mix of employed, unemployed and retired people. There is a mixture of ages, and ethnicity. There is a variety in debt: some only have debt from one source, some have debts from several. The amount of debt varies from a few thousand pounds to many thousands of pounds.

While a major aim of the centre is to help clients with their finances so that they might become debt free, the Christian motive behind the charity is made explicit right from the start. Clients are asked if they would like prayer and the centre's links with churches are made known. Clients are invited along to church events and several have shown interest, attended services, and have gone further into discipleship courses.

## **Financial Review**

### **Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

The final sum in the bank account at the end of our financial year (30th June) was £3,924.56.

Total income was all in the form of unrestricted donations and Gift Aid and amounted to £38,461.

Total expenditure was £34,536.75.

The trustees are in the process of developing a reserves policy.

At the end of the financial year, the Trust held £3,925 of reserves.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The type of governing document for The Hope Trust Oxford is a constitution that is based on the Charity Commission foundation model for a CIO. The constitution also includes a 1-page 'Basis of Faith' to which all trustees are asked to agree to on appointment to the trustee board.

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

### **Trustee selection methods**

Apart from the first three charity trustees (named in the constitution and the founding members), every charity trustee must be appointed for a maximum of three years by a

resolution passed by at least a 75% majority at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

In accordance with the constitution, a charity trustee whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for reappointment for up to two further three year terms, but a trustee who has served nine years in total shall not be eligible for reappointment until at least one full year has elapsed.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: The Hope Trust Oxford  
Registered charity number: 1190127  
Charity's principal address: 1-2 Roger Bacon Lane, Oxford, OX1 1QE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

|   | <b>Trustee name</b> | <b>Office (if any)</b> | <b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b> |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Rebecca Pillar      | Chair                  | From 25th May 2020                       |
| 2 | Robin Cooper        |                        | From 7th December 2020                   |
| 3 | James Paterson      |                        | From 10th July 2021                      |
| 4 | Harriet Smith       |                        | From 25th May 2020                       |
| 5 | Andrew Turnbull     |                        | From 25th May 2020                       |

Names and addresses of advisers:

| <b>Advisory role</b>                | <b>Name</b>   | <b>Address</b>   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Accountant and independent examiner | Sheila Parry  | SPX Oxford, Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD   |
| Legal adviser                       | Caroline Eade | Edward Connor Solicitors, 39 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU  |
| St Ebbe's Congregation Leaders      |               | St Ebbe's Church, 1-2 Roger Bacon Lane, Oxford, OX1 1QE. A non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Trust and St Ebbe's. |


## Exemptions from disclosure

The Trust's key management personnel are trustees, who are all volunteers.

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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|---|---|
| <b>Signature(s)</b>                       |  |
| <b>Full name(s)</b>                       | Andrew Turnbull   |
| <b>Position eg. secretary, chair etc.</b> | Trustee   |
| <b>Date</b>                               | 22/04/22  |

Receipts and payments accounts  
The Hope Trust Oxford  
Charity number: 1190127

For the period from 25/06/2020 to 30/06/2021

## Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                     |                    |                  |                  |                  |
| Donations                              | 38,436             | -                | -                | 38,436           |
| Gift Aid                               | 25                 | -                | -                | 25               |
|  |                    | -                | -                | -                |
|  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |
|  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |
|  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |
|  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |
|  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |
|  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b> | <b>38,461</b>      | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>38,461</b>    |

|                       |               |          |          |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|
|                       |               |          |          |               |
| <b>Total receipts</b> | <b>38,461</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>38,461</b> |

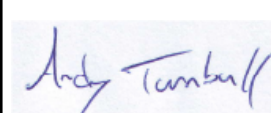
|   |        |   |   |        |
|---|--------|---|---|--------|
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |        |   |   |        |
| Admin support salary                                  | 6,629  | - | - | 6,629  |
| Payroll provider                                      | 280    | - | - | 280    |
| Bank charges  | 65     | - | - | 65     |
| HMRC  | 5,307  | - | - | 5,307  |
| NEST pensions   | 1,727  | - | - | 1,727  |
| Insurance   | 262    | - | - | 262    |
| Legal fees  | 1,788  | - | - | 1,788  |
| Website   | 71     | - | - | 71     |
| Christians Against Poverty debt centre manager salary | 10,106 |   |   | 10,106 |
| Christians Against Poverty contribution               | 7,200  |   |   | 7,200  |
| Christians Against Poverty ministry                   | 152    |   |   | 152    |
| Innovista parish needs assessment                     | 750    |   |   | 750    |

|                       |               |          |          |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Innovista partnership | 200           |          |          | 200           |
| <b>Sub total</b>      | <b>34,537</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>34,537</b> |

|                                    |               |          |          |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| <b>Total payments</b>              | <b>34,537</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>34,537</b> |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | <b>3,925</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>3,925</b>  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>  | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b> | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>    | <b>3,925</b>  | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>3,925</b>  |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | CAF Bank   | 3,925                              | -                                |
|                      |  | -                                  | -                                |
|                      |  | -                                  | -                                |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>3,925</b>                       | <b>-</b>                         |
|                      | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               |

| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature   | Print Name      | Date of approval |
|---|---|-----------------|------------------|
|   |  | Andrew Turnbull | 26/04/22         |



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

**The Hope Trust Oxford**

**On accounts for the year ended**

25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Charity no (if any)**

**1190127**

**Set out on pages**

1-2 of Receipts and Payments accounts

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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:**

*Shirley Pany*

**Date:**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Name:** Sheila Parry

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

**Address:** Peace House, Paradise Street, Oxford OX1 1LD

**Section B Disclosure**

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**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**