

**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:

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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:

Advisory role	Name	Address
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.

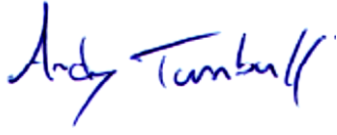
## Exemptions from disclosure

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

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Andrew Turnbull
Position eg. secretary, chair etc.	Trustee
Date	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>	38,461	-	-	38,461

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

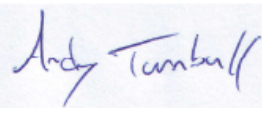
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Admin support salary	6,629	-	-	6,629
Payroll provider	280	-	-	280
Bank charges	65	-	-	65
HMRC	5,307	-	-	5,307
NEST pensions	1,727	-	-	1,727
Insurance	262	-	-	262
Legal fees	1,788	-	-	1,788
Website	71	-	-	71
Christians Against Poverty debt centre manager salary	10,106			10,106
Christians 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>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
<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 to nearest £	Restricted funds 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,
- ☐ 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:

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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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.**