

HOPE AND VISION COMMUNITIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1191323

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-09-17

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION BY THE PROVISION OF SAFE ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT.

Activities: Hope and vision will carry out its purposes, for the public benefit, by offering supported housing to those in recovery from addiction who have completed a residential treatment programme. We will be doing this by offering accomodation with 1-1 key working, house groups, structured cleaning rotas, and 12 step fellowship meetings. Hope and Vision Communities has a Christian ethos.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Reading

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£496,774	£398,357	-	-
2024-03-31	£294,427	£236,229	-	-
2023-03-31	£152,051	£60,848	-	-
2022-03-31	£65,869	£54,227	-	-
2021-03-31	£25,223	£8,369	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tracey Ann Hancock	Chair	2023-08-03
Deborah Lorraine Adams		2026-04-14
Dr Isla Masson		2025-09-29
HHJ Peter Ross		2019-11-08
JENNY MARGARET SURTEES		2020-02-06
James Philip Simon Isherwood		2023-08-21
James Tottman		2023-03-25
Kirstie Maria Lee Brock		2025-10-06
Laura Elizabeth Sneddon		2025-09-29

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1ST APRIL 2024 - 31ST MARCH 2025

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON THE 16/01/2026

Registered Charity Number
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Staff:

Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts - Chief Executive

Tony Attwood - Founder and Head of Operations and Development

Donna Duffy - Head of Fundraising

Nelly Semaille - Finance Officer; appointed February 2025

Zoe Dacre - Administrator; appointed March 2025

Kevin Randall - Head of Keyworking

Will Drennan - Key Worker

Leo Bourne - Key Worker; appointed November 2024

Trustees:

Tracey Hancock (Chair; appointed September 2024)

James Tottman (Treasurer)

James Isherwood

Peter Ross (resigned as Chairman September 2024)

Jenny Surtees

Abi Wilson (resigned July 2024)

Ambassadors:

John Sykes

Sara Hyde

Brian McDermott

Peter Griffin

Roger Davies

Danny Williams

Elizabeth Burton-Phillips MBE

Annabelle Sykes

Michael Emmett

Chair's Report



Tracey Hancock
Appointed Chair September 2024

This is my first report as Chair of Trustees, taking up the position in September 2024 following a period of time as trustee on the Board. My thanks go to Peter Ross, who I succeed as Chair, for all his support, guidance and encouragement and to my fellow trustees for their support.

The year was characterised by further consolidating our services in the Reading area and growing the number of properties to 9 with 20 residents. Within this, we have created a Landing Pad property, which allows us to settle residents initially as they leave residential rehabilitation programmes before moving into one of our properties, and also supports residents if they are struggling and need a little more support to get through a difficult time before returning to their Hope and Vision home.

We have moved forward with scoping our planned work to support women leaving residential rehabilitation and are currently negotiating with a consultant who has extensive experience in this area to work with us to fully scope the project. Supporting women has different challenges to overcome and we are very conscious that it is not simply a case of replicating what we do for the men we support. However, we are confident that we will be able to develop this work within our five-year plan as anticipated. We are excited by this new area of work and being able to fulfil a desire to offer support to women, in the same way as we do for men.

We have also continued to look at how we replicate our model for supporting men, in another area of the country. This, like supporting women, is part of our five-year plan. We hope to be able to establish a second community in 2026-27 and this is likely to be in the Malvern area, working with contacts there to fulfil an identified need.

Trustees: We saw change in the Board, with me moving to the position of Chair. We were delighted that Peter Ross (retiring Chair) agreed to stay as a Board member and continues to spread the word about our work as a founding member of Hope and Vision Communities. During the coming year we will look to strengthen and broaden the Board as we move into work with women and developing a second community in another area of the country.

Staff: We have grown the team to put in place administrative and financial support to allow us to move forward with our plans. This means our CEO, Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts, and founder, Tony Attwood, can focus on building relationships and developing our plans rather than having to spend considerable time on day-to-day tasks.

We have continued to be supported through the grant from the Lloyds Bank Foundation and the additional expertise and resource they enable us to access. We are very grateful for this, and the difference it is making to Hope and Vision. My thanks go to all those who have supported us financially during the year, without who we would not be able to continue to build our community and the work we do.

I have very much enjoyed stepping up to the role of Chair and being part of the ongoing growth and development of this inspirational charity. I very much look forward to the coming year and moving on with the work we have begun. My thanks to all those who have helped, supported or been there to make this happen including staff, my fellow trustees and all our supporters and funders.

Operational Report

Tony Attwood and Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts



Highlights of the Year

2024-25 was a year of consolidation and strengthening foundations, which has been necessary given the fast pace of growth within Hope and Vision Communities over previous years. During the year of this report, we recruited a Finance Officer and Administrator into the team and also added a full-time Key Worker to support our community and manage the houses in Berkshire. The appointment of the Key Worker was especially fulfilling, as he was previously a resident in one of our houses.

Towards the end of the year, we took on an additional property to test our “Landing Pad” concept – a house that bridges the gap between residential treatment and the smaller homes within our community. The time in the Landing Pad is intended to help new members of the community find their feet in the local area, recovery groups and positive activities with a slightly higher level of support from the team, including some group work.

We were also able to begin a pilot of our Training and Work programme with a three-year grant from the Shanly Foundation. This is intended to help our beneficiaries to re-enter the paid employment market and reduce their dependency on the benefits system. We have been able to test this concept with a variety of jobs in construction, house renovation and garden maintenance.

Actor Jason Flemyng interviewed Tony and Peter on their relationship and how they founded Hope & Vision for a podcast hosted by The Forward Trust. This was a great opportunity to spread the visibility of our work more widely.

Acknowledgement and thanks

We would like to say a big “thank you” to Andrew Blackenbury and Chris Homer from the Aspire Networking Groups for skydiving 13,500ft with one of our residents, James! We are incredibly grateful for the funds that they were able to raise through this daring endeavour.

We welcomed the Lloyds Bank Foundation to our offices to meet staff and residents, where a case study was compiled to show the impact of our work. We continue to access valuable consultancy support to strengthen areas of development as we move into our final year of our three-year grant.

Thank you to all of our donors that give individually and corporately, regularly or as a one off. Fundraising is the biggest challenge for the organisation to meet our needs and plans for the future. We really cannot meet the needs of those we serve without your generous support. In particular, we would like to thank Cypher for their support with our bookkeeping and accounts.

Personally, we would like to thank our Trustees for giving their time, knowledge and experience with dedication and commitment as they support the charity to grow and helping more people live fulfilling lives in recovery.

A special thank you goes to the staff team and volunteers for the hard work, patience and heart for all of our beneficiaries.

We are grateful to our ambassadors and all those that support our events and fundraising initiatives and create opportunities to ensure that those we serve are heard and visible. We value your continued help as we move forward.

We are incredibly grateful to the Trusts and Foundations that have provided grants through this period. Without this valuable funding we would not be able to support the transformation of lives in our community.

Berkshire Community Foundation
Lloyds Bank Foundation
Shanly Foundation
Garfield Weston Foundation
The National Lottery Community Fund
Martin Geddes Charitable Trust
The Leigh Trust

Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust
Kiriath Trust
The Archer Trust
The Cumber Family Charitable Trust
The Grail Society
Forrester Family Trust
Arnold Clark

What We Do

Hope and Vision Communities was created in 2019 by Tony Attwood along with His Honour Peter Ross, the Judge who sent him to prison. We work with people after they successfully leave treatment for addiction but need to move on from rehab to find a safe place to continue their recovery. We know that it is at this point in their journey, when there is fear over the uncertainty, that negative thinking patterns can lead to relapse. The current housing and cost of living crises have created further stress and fear for those wanting to transition and maintain their recovery after treatment.

We know that if you give someone a home - a place where they can close the door and know that the space is theirs for as long as they need it - you provide a stable basis for continued recovery. We rent houses on behalf of our residents. Our residents live together in small, family sized homes with each other for support. There's a sense of camaraderie with men cooking meals together, volunteering together and supporting each other through the ups and downs of life.

We know that a roof over your head isn't enough. Along with a place to live we provide a supportive community that our residents can belong to for life. Relationships matter. Our residents get to do life with people they can learn to trust. They have opportunities to work, volunteer, socialise and re-train. They are kept accountable by key workers who have the lived experience to understand and empathise with their experiences. Residents can deepen their understanding of addiction and trauma in a structured framework which provides the unconditional love and trust needed for long term recovery. We believe that safe and secure accommodation, combined with purposeful activity and meaningful relationships, provide an essential basis for ongoing recovery.

We have a Christian ethos which means we support residents of any faith, or no faith and do not impose our views or beliefs on anyone we work with.

Impact Snapshot

- 9 properties
- 24 residents
- 96.4% average occupancy
- 3 beneficiaries relapsed (one rejoined the community later in the year and is still in recovery)
- Every resident was either employed, attending voluntary work or engaging in education and training

We increased capacity by five, adding two properties to help more people. One was the introduction of our Landing Pad pilot : a larger property offering additional support for people joining the community, helping four residents and seeing one of them successfully transition to another property.

Our Training and Work programme pilot saw 14 residents complete training workshops on self-employment and tax reporting, as well as First Aid and Health and Safety Training. 8 residents gained valuable work experience, accessing self-employment status and earning an income.



“I’d encourage everyone to try the programme. It’s not just about money—it boosts your mental health, confidence, and self-esteem. You’re never working alone, and it helps you bond with others. You really have nothing to lose.”

Work Programme resident



Myron's Story

Hope is a peculiar thing

I suppose I never really paid much attention to what form it presents itself in. Coming to the end of my treatment due to move on, I was extremely unprepared. As the days drew closer my fear and anxiety about moving on started to grow. Unprepared financially, mentally, and somewhat emotionally the challenge of moving on was daunting. Being homeless prior, I knew the difficulties of a single male finding accommodation.

Then hope presented itself. Which was a little bit ironic because in my using days I spent most my time trying to avoid people like Tony. God does have a sense of humour. The beacon of light I needed to move towards was one of the things I spent most of my life running away from. Tony then explained the vision: "long term housing for people moving out of treatment, to help build a future".

If I'm honest, at the time all I heard was 'long term housing' and thought "result!". I did not hear the second part "build a future". The concept of building a future was alien to me, having no idea who I was, what I liked, or why I liked it. Most of my decisions prior to recovery were based in some sort of motive around drugs or alcohol. Being free of that thought process could be overwhelming at times, I understand what Tony was saying about "building a future".

Firstly: It takes time. One of the great assets that Hope and Vision provide. In early recovery I was almost childlike. I wanted everything to be fixed right away. I wanted the stuff I had missed out on in life. The truth is I was not ready for any of it. It took time to become ready. It took time for people around me to see the actions I was taking, not the words I used to speak. It took time to understand what really mattered to me. Without the time, I was gifted by Hope and Vision, it would have been very difficult to make any of that stuff happen.

Secondly: It takes mistakes. Rebellious in nature and stubborn at times, I had to learn from my experiences; it is a rarity in life that you have the space and support to let yourself navigate them. I also had to learn money management. Getting this wrong on a few occasions and not being able to pay rent as a result could have had disastrous consequences outside of the support in the Hope and Vision community.

Thirdly: It takes community and support. Connection with others. I have been blessed through the network that Hope and Vision created to live with some amazing people and to create what I believe to be some lifelong friendships. To have meaningful connection, sharing the highs and lows of the recovery journey. Hope and Vision is a lot like people's story's in recovery. Starting from a seed of an idea from Tony and the judge that something is possible and then through hard work, support, connection and a little bit of hope it has grown into something beautiful. A lot like my journey and many others. A seed of an idea that life can change then through hard work, support, connection and a little bit of Hope and Vision it has grown into something beautiful.

I would like to thank all the staff, board members and the kind people that have donated. I am grateful and thankful for all that you have done.

Financial review

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Main events and financial impact

We achieved a surplus of £98k, which has allowed us to broadly meet the targeted level of reserves and helped provide a platform for future growth.

The income stream of the houses has increased significantly with a higher number of residents, but it is inherently not enough to cover the overheads of the charity, which needs to raise funds to be able to sustain its operations.

The work programme has started but hasn't contributed significantly.

Our main source of income is coming from our houses : the housing benefits we are receiving for some residents, and the rents we are getting from the others, both increasing in line with the higher number of houses we got this year. The second biggest source of income is fundraising, with an increase of 60%, mainly with one significant private donation responsible for half the growth, and an increase in restricted funding, mainly with grants from Shanly, Garfield Weston, and the National lottery.

Statement of financial activities - in £k	2025	2024	2025 vs 2024	2025 vs 2024
Income - Fundraising (except Work programme)	207	143	64	44%
Staff costs	-152	-83	-69	83%
Admin and office costs	-37	-22	-15	70%
Marketing costs	-2	-5	3	-62%
Residents costs	-3	-2	-1	51%
Depr	-8	-6	-2	28%
Interests	2	0	1	969%
Total overhead costs	-201	-118	-82	70%
Income - rent & HB	246	144	102	71%
Houses costs	-155	-118	-37	31%
Total houses Income and costs	91	26	65	254%
Work programme				
Total Income	20	7	13	179%
Costs (CIS, materials, etc...)	-27	0	-27	
Total GM w/o PPE, Training and Tools & Machinery	-7	7	-14	-195%
T&T PPE, training and equipment	-14	0	-14	
Fundraising T&T Specifically	22	0	22	
Total Work programme	1	7	-6	-86%
Total	98	58	40	69%
	98	58	40	69%

Income in £k	2025	2024	Increase in value	Increase in %
Fundraising	229	143	86	60%
Income houses	246	144	102	71%
Income work programme	20	7	13	186%
Total income	495	294	201	68%

Fundraising details in £k	2025	2024	Increase in value	Increase in %
Restricted	83	39	44	113%
Unrestricted	146	105	42	40%
Total fundraising	229	144	86	60%

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Restricted funds

Restricted funds :

We have received restricted funds, mainly to fund our core team extension, to support the key workers, and for the work programme.

Restricted funds acquired In the reporting year In £	Finance & Admin Salaries	Support Salaries	Work programme (Trading & Training)	Key worker wage	Total
Total Donation	16,000	30,000	22,000	15,000	83,000
Wages	2,650	30,000	0	11,559	44,209
T&T Tools & Machinery	0	0	6,121	0	6,121
T&T PPE	0	0	1,092	0	1,092
T&T Residents Training	0	0	2,280	0	2,280
Total Expenses incurred	2,650	30,000	9,492	11,559	53,701
Van			9,208		9,208
Shipping container			3,300		3,300
Total capital spends incurred			12,508		12,508
Total Remaining donation	13,350	0	0	3,441	16,791
Remaining restricted funds from previous years					4,096
Total restricted funds at the 31/03/2025					20,887

Reserves policy

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Definition

The reserves will be made up of unrestricted funds that we receive from fundraising.

Items excluded from reserves are:

- Any tangible fixed assets used to carry out the charity's activities, such as land and buildings
- Programme-related investments those held solely to further the charity's purposes, incl. training and trading programme.
- Designated funds set aside to meet essential future spending, such as funding a project that could not be met from future income
- Commitments that have not been provided for as a liability in the accounts.

Hope and Vision Communities' recommended level of reserves

The Trustees have a medium term aspiration to target a level of reserves which should equate to 6 months of operating costs. However, appreciating the challenges faced by a small, young charity, including the establishment of fundraising streams, combined with cash cost impacts from developing its operations, the Trustees have agreed a tolerance of reserves between 3-6 months in the short term. The level of reserves is to be reported in the Management Accounts pack on a monthly basis. If the level falls below 3 months, this will be a priority agenda item for trustees to discuss and agree mitigating actions.

We define the operating costs as follow :

Any administration costs, excluding the Work Programme costs, which are not recovered by the housing benefits, service charge and rent.

Total cash held by the charity at the 31st of March 2025 : **£158,830**

Including restricted funds of **£20,887**

Unrestricted reserves on the 31st of March 2025 :

(net current assets - restricted and designated funds) : **£152,664**

Equivalent to **5.8 months** reserves.

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Risks considered in the reserves:

The 2024-25 accounts demonstrated that Hope and Vision Communities' two largest income streams, except the Trading and Training income, are grants and donations (approx. 47%), and the rent or housing benefit of our beneficiaries (approx. 53%). The potential risks are as follows:

1. As is the case for many charities, fundraised income such as grants and donations cannot be easily predicted. We received feedback from trusts that the competition for grants is greater than ever.
2. Due to the nature of our beneficiaries and the charity's work, Hope and Vision Communities cannot easily predicate the occupancy rate of our houses, as sometimes residents leave unexpectedly. For example, this could be due to relapse or non-compliance of paying rent/bills. Furthermore, it is difficult for the charity to predict the split of residents on housing benefit versus those that can pay rent (which bring in a different level of income).
3. At Hope and Vision Communities' we are committed to providing our beneficiaries with high quality homes. However, as with all homes, sometimes there are unexpected issues and costs that arise.
4. At Hope and Vision Communities' we are committed to being careful with our expenditure, seeking the most efficient costs for our needs and committed to closely monitoring expenditure. As a result, the Trustees felt that in case of emergency and the requirement of reserves, we would not be able to cut out any expenditure areas as they are all vital for our operation, but the focus of the expenditure may change. For example, we would not run non-essential events, but rather the events and marketing budget would be used for an emergency fundraising appeal.
5. Due to the nature of our beneficiaries being in recovery from addiction, a sudden loss of housing could cause a large amount of anxiety and risk of relapse. Therefore, we would want to have a large enough reserves that would alleviate this pressure for our beneficiaries, in order to give us enough time to source alternative accommodation if necessary.

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1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Income and Expenditure Account

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover		495,267	294,286
Gross surplus/(deficit)		495,267	294,286
Interest Income		1,507	141
Expenditure		(398,357)	(236,229)
Net Surplus/(deficit)		98,417	58,198

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	1	48,582	23,968
		48,582	23,968
Current assets			
Debtors	2	48,519	7,763
Restricted cash at bank and in hand		16,908	22,299
Unrestricted Cash at bank and in hand		148,852	98,820
		214,279	128,882
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	3	(30,692)	(19,098)
		183,587	109,794
Net current assets		232,169	133,752
Net assets		232,169	133,752
Reserves			
Opening Reserves		133,752	75,554
Net surplus/deficit		98,417	58,198
		232,169	133,752

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Tangible fixed assets	Motor	Fixtures and	Total
Cost	Vehicles	Fittings	£
	£	£	
At 01 April 2024	25,000	5,291	30,291
Additions	20,000	12,713	32,713
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	45,000	18,004	63,004
Depreciation			
At 01 April 2024	5,000	1,323	6,323
Charge for year	5,667	2,432	8,099
On disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	10,667	3,755	14,422
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	34,333	14,249	48,582
At 31 March 2024	20,000	3,968	23,968

2. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade Debtors	30,244	7,763
Prepayments	10,145	0
Accrued Income	4,088	0
Other Debtors	4,042	0
	48,519	7,763

3. Creditors: amount falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade Creditors	10,624	18,833
CIS Control Account	806	0
Accured Expenses	8,283	0
Other Creditors	10,979	265
	30,692	19,098

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account

Income	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising	6,248	17,747
HMRC Gift Aid	15,485	6,328
Donations	58,290	25,280
Grants	53,600	54,600
Restricted Grants	83,000	38,944
Housing Benefit	193,322	94,908
Private Rent	38,948	34,480
Service Charge	19,185	12,610
Rent Deposits	(5,451)	1,625
Reimbursements from landlords	5,454	7,764
Trading and Training Sales	16,394	0
Other Income	10,792	0
	495,267	294,286
Operating income	495,267	294,286
Interest income		
Interest Receivable and Other Income	1,507	141
	1,507	141
Total Income	496,774	294,427

Expenditure

Wages & Salaries	153,040	73,078
Pension Contributions	9,668	4,846
Staff Training	2,523	1,906
Accountancy Fees	5,553	3,979
Legal and Professional Fees (Allowable)	13,233	498
Rent	122,290	69,095
Utilities	33,151	42,543
Motor Repairs and Servicing	2,128	1,831
General Travel Expenses	4,368	3,204
Depreciation Charge: Motor Vehicles	5,667	5,000
Depreciation Charge: Fixtures & Fittings	2,432	1,323
Advertising	1,186	1,566
General Insurance	1,121	4,336
Computer Expenses	2,273	179
Repairs and Renewals	6,691	10,905

Stationery and Postage	282	433
Telephone, Fax and Internet	2,644	2,262
Charitable Activities	3,246	1,902
Sundry Expenses	1,388	1,132
Entertainment (Disallowable)	363	1,577
Promotional meals	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Volunteer Expense	0	0
DBS Checks	31	205
Drug Testing Kits	0	255
Fines	35	295
Fundraising Events	325	2,581
Subscriptions	291	1,298
Trading and Trading Costs	<u>24,428</u>	<u>0</u>
	(398,357)	(236,229)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>98,417</u>	<u>58,198</u>

**Independent Examiners Report
Hope & Vision Communities
Financial Year ended 31 March 2025**

Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts) with a gross income of less than £1,000,000 in the relevant financial year. The Independent examiner is qualified with one of the listed bodies advised by the Charities Commission.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope and Vision Communities.
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope and Vision Communities for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

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 all the applicable Directions given by 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

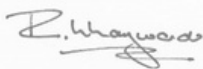
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Rachel Hayward

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW)
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Date: 23rd June 2025

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Staff:

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Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts (Chief Executive; appointed February 2024)

Louise Griffin (Trusts and Grants Fundraiser; resigned January 2024)

Kevin Randall (Head of Keyworking; appointed October 2023)

Will Drennan (Key Worker)

Trustees:

Peter Ross (Chair)

Suezanne King (Secretary; resigned July 2023)

James Isherwood (Secretary; appointed August 2023)

Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts (Treasurer; resigned August 2023)

James Tottman (Treasurer; appointed March 2023)

Jenny Surtees

Becky Williams (resigned August 2023)

Tracey Hancock (appointed August 2023)

Abi Wilson (appointed August 2023)

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Elizabeth Burton-Phillips MBE

Annabelle Sykes

Michael Emmett

Chair's Report



Peter Ross

This year was characterised by consolidation and recruitment following a period of rapid expansion. In the last months of the year 2022/23 we went through a period of rapid growth (starting with 4 properties) so that we began the current year with 7 properties and serving 15 residents. This remained the same throughout the year and, subject to two developments planned for 2024/25, probably represents the optimum number of properties and residents for our operations within Berkshire. Our five-year plan envisages replicating our operations in other parts of England and Wales.

Up until now we have delivered our services to male residents alone. The trustees have long felt that we should also deliver services to women leaving residential rehabilitation and included this ambition within our five-year plan. A scoping exercise will be undertaken as we seek to move forward in this area.

Trustees: this year saw the departure of three of our founding trustees. Whilst it was sad to see them go, we recognised that this offered the opportunity to look at the board's skill mix and select new trustees who met our current and future needs. The recruitment exercise resulted in the appointment of three new trustees bringing experience of working in the charity sector at a senior level, lived experience of being in recovery, and expertise in the field of HR.

Staff: the continued expansion of Hope and Vision Communities required us to examine our staffing needs and structure. We appointed a head of Key Working to lead the support to our residents and develop programmes to support their continued recovery. We were sorry to see our fundraiser move on to pastures new. She had initially worked in a voluntary capacity for us and during her time with us she achieved considerable success in securing significant grants thus securing financial stability. A new fundraiser was appointed who has continued to build on the earlier foundations. We also recognised that with the growth of Hope and Vision Communities we needed to professionalise the senior management roles. To that end Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts joined as our new CEO bringing with him extensive experience at a senior level in the field of residential rehabilitation. Our founder, Tony Attwood moved to a more outward facing role whilst taking on discrete aspects of our operations.

It is inevitably invidious to single out the contribution of any single donor. We have been extremely fortunate in the generous support we received and continue to receive from those who provide us with funding. Thank you. We were successful in receiving a three-year award from the Lloyds Bank Foundation. The funds involved are of course both important and welcome, but in addition the award brings access to the range of consultants who are assisting us in establishing both firm foundations and the future development of Hope and Vision Communities.

This will be my final report as Chair of the charity. I will be handing over to my successor, Tracey Hancock at the end of August 2024. I am so grateful to all of the trustees who have worked with me to found the charity, giving substance to Tony Attwood's vision. I am also most grateful to all of our staff, both past and present whose commitment has been key to getting us to where we are today.

Chief Executive's Report

Tony Attwood and Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts



Highlights of the Year

2023-24 got off to a fantastic start, as we held our first major public event. With over 250 attendees, ranging from staff, volunteers, residents and supporters, it was a brilliant occasion to celebrate the formation and success of Hope and Vision Communities and our hopes for the future.

Whilst it is a challenging time for all charities financially with the cost-of-living crisis and increased competition for grant funding, we have been thrilled by the number of financial gifts we have received from organisations and individuals. During the summer of 2023 we heard we'd been successful in our bid to the Lloyds Bank Foundation, which brings in £75,000 over three years, but perhaps more significantly brought a range of charity consultants who are working with us to build a firm foundation for future growth.

In this year, we launched our Ambassador Programme, appointing nine individuals who have agreed to champion our cause within their own networks and inspire more people to support our work. During October we brought the team together to learn more about each other and set out our plans, for which they will help us identify support for us.

During the year we have attended several different events to raise the profile of our work, including the Thames Traditional Boat Festival with the Shanly Foundation, being guest speakers at the Berkshire Community Foundation Annual Symposium, recording podcasts for the More Than My Past and Evolving Prisons podcasts and speaking at Grendon and Bullingdon Prisons.

A huge highlight of the year was our 21 Peak Fundraising Challenge, with Abingdon Extreme Fundraisers, ambassador Danny Williams and many of our residents. We were delighted to raise over £8,000 and experienced incredible camaraderie amongst those taking part. Thank you to all those who sponsored us, in addition to Places Leisure for providing gym memberships for training, and Day 1 Connectivity for providing the technology to maintain communication in the mountains!

We were able to expand our staffing team from 1.5FTE to 3.1FTE to better serve our growing community of residents. With thanks to Zero Two Digital, we were excited to launch a new website at no cost to the charity. This has enabled us to keep supporters better updated.

Acknowledgements and Thanks

We would like to extend a huge thank you for all of the following, as without you, Hope and Vision Communities would not exist: Every individual donor and grant giving organisation, the Trustees for their commitment and service, the staff team for their dedication and hard work, all of our volunteers including those keeping the allotment going and for Cypher Accountancy for taking on our accounting and gifting back their time.

At the end of this year, we experience further change to continue our growth, where I (Tony) step into a new role as Head of Operations and Development and welcome Treflyn Lloyd-Roberts as the new Chief Executive. We look forward to working together to further our reach and impact as we move into the next season for the charity.

What We Do

Hope and Vision Communities was created in 2019 by Tony Attwood along with His Honour Peter Ross, the Judge who sent him to prison. We work with people after they successfully leave treatment for addiction but need to move on from rehab to find a safe place to continue their recovery. We know that it is at this point in their journey, when there is fear over the uncertainty, that negative thinking patterns can lead to relapse. The current housing and cost of living crises have created further stress and fear for those wanting to transition and maintain their recovery after treatment.

We know that if you give someone a home - a place where they can close the door and know that the space is theirs for as long as they need it - you provide a stable basis for continued recovery. We rent houses on behalf of our residents. Our residents live together in small, family sized homes with each other for support. There's a sense of camaraderie with men cooking meals together, volunteering together and supporting each other through the ups and downs of life.

We know that a roof over your head isn't enough. Along with a place to live we provide a supportive community that our residents can belong to for life. Relationships matter. Our residents get to do life with people they can learn to trust. They have opportunities to work, volunteer, socialise and re-train. They are kept accountable by key workers who have the lived experience to understand and empathise with their experiences. Residents can deepen their understanding of addiction and trauma in a structured framework which provides the unconditional love and trust needed for long term recovery. We believe that safe and secure accommodation, combined with purposeful activity and meaningful relationships, provide an essential basis for ongoing recovery.

We have a Christian ethos which means we support residents of any faith, or no faith and do not impose our views or beliefs on anyone we work with.

Impact Snapshot

- 7 properties
- 21 residents
- 94% average occupancy
- 3 successful resident move-ons
- 3 resident relapses
- Every resident was either employed, attending voluntary work or engaging in education and training

In the last month of the financial year 2022-23, we took on an additional 3 properties, which almost doubled our capacity taking our total number of properties to 7, with a capacity for 15 residents. Therefore, 2023-24 was a year to ensure this significant growth was handled efficiently and effectively, by developing staffing capacity, maintaining high quality support for our residents and renovating properties. We began and ended this year with 15 residents, having a total of 21 residents across the year. Our average occupancy was 14.1 (94%). We always have at least 1 or 2 people on our waiting list, so any gaps in occupancy were due to safely managing the exit of one resident and the start of another.

Over 2023-24, 14 residents remained abstinent and in continued recovery with 3 successfully moving on to independent living. 2 of these residents



“Hope and Vision Communities has helped me stay clean. People are genuinely interested in you and your recovery. They’re always there if you need them and they help keep community together.”

A current resident

left into full-time employment and the other resident was in part-time employment, but has since gone on to full-time employment. We had 3 residents leave the program due to relapse. For each of these men we were able to support their transition safely in to alternative housing or support. Whilst with us, every resident in 2023-24 was involved in either employment, voluntary work or education/training.

“I would be dead or on the streets if it were not for the existence of Hope and Vision. I love being a part of this community.”

A current resident



Leo's Story

Resident Leo had been with us since 2021. He was homeless on the streets of Reading for four years and battled crime, violence and a heroin dependency, having been a substance misuser for 25 years. In 2018 he secured a place with a rehab and started recovery. As rehab came to an end, he knew he couldn't go back to his home in Somerset because he'd meet people from an old life. He also lost his Mum during the pandemic. He moved into one of our homes with two bin bags of belongings and a house plant. He told us that keeping the plant alive would give him something positive to focus on. He secured a part-time job, which then turned into a full-time position, so he was no longer on benefits. He also became a mentor to many of our other residents and served others through a voluntary role. He is hoping to move in with his girlfriend next year. We couldn't be prouder of him!

Annual Accounts

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income		294,286	177,050
Gross Surplus		294,286	177,050
Interest Income		141	0
Expenditure		(236,229)	(129,751)
Net Surpluses /(Deficit)		58,198	47,299

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	1	23,968	25,975
		23,968	25,975
Current assets			
Debtors	2	7,763	0
Restricted cash at bank and in hand		22,299	7,123
Unrestricted Cash at bank and in hand		98,820	53,725
		128,882	60,848
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	3	(19,098)	(11,269)
		109,794	49,579
Net current assets		133,752	75,554
Net assets		133,752	75,554
Reserves			
Opening Reserves		75,554	28,255
Net surplus/deficit		58,198	47,299
		133,752	75,554

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Tangible fixed assets	Motor	Fixtures and	Total
Cost	Vehicles	Fittings	£
	£	£	
At 01 April 2023	25,000	975	25,975
Additions	-	4,316	4,316
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	25,000	5,291	30,291
Depreciation			
At 01 April 2023	-	-	-
Charge for year	5,000	1,323	6,323
On disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	5,000	1,323	6,323
Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	20,000	3,968	23,968
At 31 March 2023	25,000	975	25,975

2. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Debtors	7,763	0
	7,763	0

**3. Creditors: amount falling
due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	18,833	11,269
Other Creditors	265	0
	19,098	11,269

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account

Income	2024 £	2023 £
Fundraising	18,287	5,527
HMRC Gift Aid	6,328	2,559
Donations	25,280	26,050
Grants	54,600	57,500
Restricted Grants	38,944	12,500
Housing Benefit	94,908	41,960
Private Rent	34,480	22,407
Service Charge	12,610	5,922
Rent Deposits	1,625	2,625
Reimbursements from landlords	7,224	0
	294,286	177,050
Operating income	294,286	177,050
Interest income		
Interest Receivable and Other Income	141	0
	141	0
Total Income	294,427	177,050

Expenditure

Wages & Salaries	73,078	25,452
Pension Contributions	4,846	2,056
Staff Training	1,906	310
Accountancy Fees	3,979	0
Legal and Professional Fees (Allowable)	498	3,001
Rent	69,095	43,406
Utilities	42,543	25,001
Motor Repairs and Servicing	1,831	4,249
General Travel Expenses	3,204	2,046
Depreciation Charge: Motor Vehicles	5,000	0
Depreciation Charge: Fixtures & Fittings	1,323	0
Advertising	1,566	25
General Insurance	4,336	3,532
Computer Expenses	179	1,520
Repairs and Renewals	10,905	12,128

Stationery and Postage	433	439
Telephone, Fax and Internet	2,262	162
Charitable Activities	1,902	3,391
Sundry Expenses	1,132	249
Entertainment (Disallowable)	1,577	0
Promotional meals	0	276
Supplies	0	1,851
Volunteer Expense	0	657
DBS Checks	205	0
Drug Testing Kits	255	0
Fines	295	0
Fundraising Events	2,581	0
Subscriptions	1,298	0
	<u>(236,229)</u>	<u>(129,751)</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>58,198</u>	<u>47,299</u>

**Independent Examiners Report
Hope & Vision Communities
Financial Year ended 31 March 2024**

Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts) with a gross income of less than £1,000,000 in the relevant financial year. The Independent examiner is qualified with one of the listed bodies advised by the Charities Commission.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope and Vision Communities.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope and Vision Communities for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

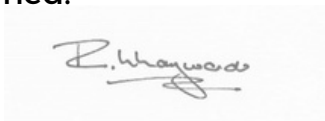
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



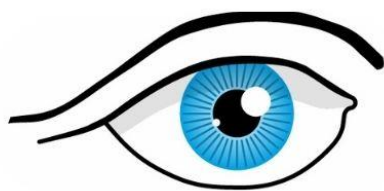
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Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW)

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Date: 30th November 2024

Accounts



HOPE AND **VISION**
COMMUNITIES

2022-23

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & REPORT





Charity Name: Hope and Vision Communities

Registered Address:

The Coach House
Bear Lane
Hare Hatch
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Registered Charity Number: 1191323

Trustees:

Peter Ross (Chair)
Suezanne King – Secretary (appointed 22 November 2022)
Tref Lloyd-Roberts – Treasurer
Ray Welsh (resigned 31 December 2022)
Jenny Surtees
Becky Williams

Founder/Chief Executive: Tony Attwood

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ABOUT US

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We know that a roof over your head isn't enough. Along with a place to live we provide a supportive community that our residents can belong to for life. Relationships matter greatly to us. Our residents get to do life with people they can learn to trust. They have opportunities to work, volunteer, socialise and re-train. They are kept accountable by Key Workers who have the lived experience to understand and empathise with their experiences. Residents can deepen their understanding of addiction and trauma in a structured framework which provides the unconditional love and trust needed for long term recovery.

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RELATIONSHIPS MATTER GREATLY TO US

The one certainty that exists in our work is that there will always be a large unmet need for what we provide. For our residents, the knowledge that there is no time limit to their stay with us is one of the most important aspects to their continued recovery. We commit to that promise, and yet we receive no public or guaranteed funding for our work. It makes the support of our community essential and it is on behalf of our residents, staff and board that I am able to say a heartfelt thank you to all of those involved in our progress this year.

The charity is Tony's brainchild, and it is his vision based on his own experience. At times, this story is tough to listen to but out of it came his idea for how we can help other men like him. Hope and Vision Communities is now a very firm reality in improving the quality of lives for people in recovery. Today I am immensely proud and deeply humbled to be the chair of the board of trustees who try and make his vision a reality. I am indebted to everyone who has helped us to make the most unlikely of relationships – between a judge and a prisoner – a force for extraordinary good.

His Honour Peter Ross
Chair of the Board of Trustees
March 2023



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

I'm pleased to present the report for the financial year 2022-23. It was a year of considerable and, at times, unexpected growth. Despite not having all the experience and qualifications in place, I have grown in confidence and learned many new skills thanks to the help of the trustees, staff, management coaches and people who walk alongside me in my own recovery.

In January 2023 we were able to review our six key strategic aims which were:

1. Increase the number of people for whom we can provide a safe home and a supported community of recovery
2. Revise and continue to implement our business model to improve and expand our service provision.
3. Prepare and manage a budget to ensure financial security for the future so we can continue to invest in supporting those who need our help.
4. Build on our existing relationships, develop our reach with new stakeholders and diversify sustainable income streams to achieve a balanced income from a range of sources.
5. Further strengthen and develop the community we build around those we support: to include creating a dedicated support network, friendship, opportunities to be together in community, maintaining good habits, volunteering, training and being of service to others.
6. Recruit, retain and develop a passionate team of staff and volunteers who are each driven by the charity vision and values.



This is how we achieved our goals:

Residents

- We increased the number of residents we supported by 60%. In April 2022 we had just taken on a fourth property which needed considerable renovation, and during the year were offered an expansion opportunity to take on an additional three houses by March 2023. This brought several practical challenges including the transfer of residents in those homes and some significant renovation work, but by the start of March we had successfully doubled the number of spaces available and people we were helping.

WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS WE SUPPORT BY 60%.

- This is what one of our residents told us this year:

"I was getting really worried about where I would go next. Last weekend I got my grandfather clock out of storage, and I've put it in the living room. I used to have it in my home as a child, but as an adult I've never lived anywhere long enough to have it on display. I love hearing the chime. It reminds me how important time is. What I've got now is not a bedroom but a house - it's not even a house, it's a home".

- Where there was relapse, we supported the men on a case-by-case basis. We successfully signposted one man to further residential treatment. Another stayed in our community, and one resident moved on. It demonstrates that relapse isn't the end of the journey.
- A real highlight of the year was being able to invest in a Key Working programme, employing our first Key Worker in February. This work is 'key' to helping our residents see the truth of their experiences which helps them heal.



Finance

- Our principal funding sources are housing benefit, rents and service charges from residents as well as donations, grants, and corporate income. Our income increased by 130% during this financial year. We increased donations threefold and more than doubled our grant income in that time.

WE HAVE INCREASED INCOME BY 130% THIS YEAR

- Grant income during the financial year includes:

Archer Trust £4,000

Albert Hunt Trust £5,000

Berkshire Community Foundation £5,000

Edward and Diana Hornby Charitable Trust £500

Englefield Charitable Trust £2,000

John Sykes Foundation £1,000

Kiriath Trust £3,600

Leathersellers Foundation £5,000

Leigh Trust £5,000

Police and Criminal Commission Fund £5,000

Souter Charitable Trust £3,000

Sydney Black Charitable Trust £500

Woodward Charitable Trust £1,000

- Donations during the financial year (incorporating Gift Aid) were £28,922
- RESERVES Trustees agreed to increase reserves from 3 months to 6 months of operating costs which will gradually be increased to this level of time. This will enable the charity to continue operations in the short term and seek alternative funding sources in the event that existing sources of funding cease.
- During the year we have enhanced our financial reporting through appointment of a bookkeeper and prepared a rolling, 12 month forward looking cash flow to facilitate monitoring of the H&V's cash flow over the short and medium term
- In November we approved a Fundraising Strategy to identify how we plan to achieve sustainable income up to 2025-26. We recognise the power of our story. Relationships matter to us, and we want all fundraising to be friend raising. We have agreed that our fundraising should always be relational, using our personal connections and highly engaged supporters as the route to identify future income.



Operations

- We more than doubled our staff from 0.8 to 2. We were able to offer a volunteer a part time position with us and extended the hours of the Chief Executive position to full time. By February we had appointed a Key Worker on a part time basis.
- We increased our social media reach to over 11,500 which is a 156% increase on the previous year having more than doubled our followers across Facebook.
- We improved our technology framework, taking on an IT consultant, transferring our data to a shared platform for all staff and developing better database and donation tools.
- We've spent much of the year exploring ways to support our residents with employment and training. Our trustees considered way to create a social enterprise or trading arm as a pathway to employment. We want this to be a progression to paid employment, since it will help give our residents independence and open new opportunities within their community.
- We've been speaking to landlords about purchasing our first property, which would be an asset for the charity and enable us to reduce our overheads and increase income. Discussions are in the preliminary stages but we're hopeful that over the next few years this will become a reality.



Community

This year we have focused on strengthening and developing our community:

- We secured a 15 m x 33 m allotment plot in Reading which can be utilised by residents, staff, trustees and volunteers. As a result of grant funding and in-kind support we have invested in its renovation, turning it into a flourishing garden space. We've made furniture, built a shed, planted and harvested crops, shared the produce between residents and developed relationships with Food Banks. Residents, friends, family, and volunteers have worked alongside each other connecting in positive ways.
- We started some community activity days including a Go-Karting day out which was a well-deserved break and a chance to be together. We look forward to being able to do more events like this in the
- We distributed our first e-newsletter in March. Encouragingly we secured a 91% open rate and had a great deal of positive feedback from it.
- We've increased the number of volunteers working with us to a bank of 20-30 people who understand the spirit of what we're trying to achieve for our community. They support us at the allotment, with events, offering professional advice, promoting our work, fundraising for us and offering a helping hand when we need them.



- We secured in-kind support from the Little Bookshop in Cookham who donated a small library of books to us. Residents and staff can borrow these when they visit our office. The shop also donated a book to each of our residents for Christmas this year.
- Recognising that fundraising is friend raising, we identified individuals who could help us expand our network. In November we launched an ambassador programme, securing John and Anabelle Sykes, Brian McDermott, Danny Williams and Sara Hyde as our first Ambassadors. They have agreed to champion and encourage us, spread the word about what we do and inspire others to support our work.



- During the year we attended a number of different events to raise the profile of our work which included attending the Thames Valley Police Presentation Awards, visiting Freedom Communities in Devon, some media work with BBC Berkshire, the Oxford Mail and the More Than My Past podcast, attending Parliament with the Fabian Society, guests at the annual Berkshire Community Foundation Symposium and networking with the Forward Trust.
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This charity was borne out of my own lived experiences of addiction, which can happen to anyone. Most of the people we work with have been disappointed by those who should have loved them. They struggle with trust. They've lowered their expectations of what they are worth and lack confidence. They think that everyone is against them, and they have a vulnerability. They are triggered by feelings of rejection, of not being heard, of being abandoned or being alone. They come to us with many barriers which are often fear-based – which is a protection mechanism against the trauma they may have experienced. It'll take more than some one-off kind words to help them through this. Truth which is delivered with care from peers who have been there themselves and can see what we can't is most impactful. It takes a community.

As I draw my report to a close, I want to thank our trustees for all they do for us, especially our Chairman Peter who never realised he would have this much work to do when he retired! It was always the vision to witness to society how the power of Peter and I working together, although profoundly abnormal, can demonstrate that these relationships are needed more widely to create change. I want to thank the endlessly determined community, too. All the residents, donors, supporters, staff, trustees, event participants and fundraisers who make our community who we are.

We simply could not do what we do without you.

Tony Attwood
Founder & Chief Executive
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Hope and Vision Communities Annual Accounts 2022-23

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope and Vision Communities

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Independent examiner's statement:

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Signed:

Name: *Rachel Hayward*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

Address: *c/o Fujitsu Services Limited, Lovelace Road, Bracknell, RG12 8SN*

Date: *25/10/2023*

Hope & Vision Communities	No (if any)	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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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					
Fundraising	313	-	-	313	-
HMRC Gift Aid	2,559	-	-	2,559	416
Donations	26,050	-	-	26,050	7,769
Grants	32,500	-	-	32,500	5,175
Restricted Grants	-	12,500	-	12,500	19,225
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	10,000
Housing Benefit	41,960	-	-	41,960	10,175
Private Rent	22,407	-	-	22,407	10,500
Service Charge	5,922	-	-	5,922	1,408
Rent deposits	2,625	-	-	2,625	1,200
Reimbursements from landlords	5,214	-	-	5,214	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	139,551	12,500	-	152,051	65,869

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	139,551	12,500	-	152,051	65,869

Advertising / Promotion	283	-	-	283	533
Charitable Activities	868	2,524		3,391	
Computer costs	800			800	409
Wages	17,009	10,499		27,508	11,783
Rent deposit paid				-	985
Council tax				-	2,381
Property fixtures and fittings	5,245	4,904		10,150	7,306
Legal and professional fees	1,747	194		1,941	616
Office / General Administrative expenses	1,506			1,506	1,451
Other professional Services	1,060			1,060	542
Printing, postage and stationery	439			439	698
Rent - properties	40,240			40,240	15,430
Rent - office	-	3,166		3,166	1,600
Repairs & Maintenance	1,395	186		1,581	
Supplies	855	996		1,851	673
Telephone Costs	162			162	
Training	310	-	-	310	-
Travel and accommodation	2,072	4,223	-	6,296	5,837

Utilities	17,232	-	-	17,232	3,260
Volunteer expenses	657	-	-	657	723
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	91,880	26,693	-	118,573	54,227

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			-	-	
Fixtures & Fittings	794	181	-	975	
Sub total	794	181	-	975	-

Total payments	92,674	26,874	-	119,549	54,227
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Net of receipts/(payments)	46,876	-14,374	-	32,502	11,641
A5 Transfers between funds	-1,800	1,800	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,649	19,697	-	28,346	16,705
Cash funds this year end	53,725	7,123	-	60,848	28,346

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds inc. Reserves to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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B1 Cash funds

Barclays Account	53,725	3,698	-
Property deposits held		3,425	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	53,725	7,123	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to
which asset
belongs

Cost
(optional)

Current value
(optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity’s own use

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Jenny Sutrees	JSutrees	23.11.23
Peter Ross	PRoss	23.11.23

Accounts

Hope and Vision Communities

Annual Return for Financial Year Ending March 2022

Charity Name: Hope and Vision Communities

Registered Address: The Coach House
Bear Lane
Hare Hatch
Reading
RG10 9XR

Registered Charity Number: 1191323

Trustees: Peter Ross (Chair)
Ray Welsh (Secretary)
Treflyn Lloyd Roberts (Treasurer)
Jenny Sutrees
Becky Williams

Founder/Chief Executive: Tony Attwood

Independent Examiner: Rachel Hayward
Member of the ICAEW
c/o Fujitsu Services Limited,
Lovelace Road,
Bracknell,
RG12 8SN

Bank: Barclays Bank plc
1 Churchill Place
London
E14 5HP

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

Hope and Vision Communities was created in 2020 by Tony Attwood (who spent 15 years in the criminal justice system) along with Peter Ross, the judge who sentenced him.

Our charity provides supported accommodation to those who have recently left residential rehabilitation for addiction. We also provide a safe and caring community which supports recovery. Tony and Peter have a unique understanding of what is needed to break the cycle of addiction and re-offending that often harms society. It is a distinctive and powerful testimony demonstrating that change is possible when people with different life perspectives work together.

One of the major crises that our society faces is homelessness among ex-offenders and recovering addicts. We know that 80% of people in our community lost their home during their time in rehab. The uncertainty that surrounds people as they start to think about leaving treatment creates a real cliff edge in their recovery which creates a risk of relapse. If you give someone a home - a place where they can close the door and know that the space is theirs - you provide a stable basis for continued rehabilitation. This is more than physical security or simply a roof over heads (as important as these are) but a place where people can have an emotional attachment. And that is what Hope and Vision Communities provide: somewhere to call "home".

Yet it's not just the house - we offer a community designed to aid recovery. Residents are asked to play an active part in the community by attending key worker sessions and being tested to ensure accountability. We encourage them to rebuild their lives with education, employment, being of service to others and only where and when it is appropriate, moving on to entirely independent living.

Maintaining our strong relationships with rehabs ensures that we can identify residents early on in their rehabilitation process. Our volunteering programme ensures that men get a sense of the community and camaraderie before they commit to joining us: they get to know us slowly, building up trust before they are ready to consider joining us.

We have a Christian ethos which means we support residents of any faith, or no faith and do not impose our views or beliefs on anyone we work with.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tony's story is remarkable and one that at times is tough to listen to. Out of it however came his idea for Hope and Vision Communities which completes its second year as a registered charity on September 17th 2022 and is now a very firm reality in improving the quality of life for men in recovery. As the judge who had once sentenced him, I was delighted to join him in this venture and to see Tony's idea become a reality.

In spite of the challenging climate, the 2021-22 financial year has been successful for us. Having launched the charity during the midst of the pandemic, it has been the first year we have been able to interact face-to-face and we have witnessed considerable growth. We've doubled the residents we are helping, seen the fruitful outcome of sustained recovery in our community, grown the number of valuable volunteers who help us expand our income streams and achieved a stability which sees us finishing the year in a more stable position than we began it. Our focus through a quite remarkable year has been first and foremost to ensure that the men we provide a home to feel safe, connected and valued.

Thanks to the support of local landlords we have doubled the number of properties we can rent. We want our residents to build independent and fulfilling lives, and require them to be in work, education or training and being of service to others. All residents engage in either a 12-step or church community. Importantly they also know that through our drug and alcohol testing regime we'll quickly become aware of any relapse. Such a relapse does not automatically lead to their eviction: we work with them to deal with the issues that led to the relapse in order to re-establish abstinence – we know that addiction is a disease, and it can happen to anyone, and every attempt is another opportunity to learn and grow. We have had to face the fact that not all residents have been able to take advantage of second chances. When this happens, we support them in the process of leaving us.

We are dealing with a group of people who don't trust the system that is there to help them. What has supported our success this year is the lived experience that we have on our board, on our staff and amongst our volunteers. It means that our charity has credibility in the community we serve.

Those with a history of drug problems or convictions are heavily stigmatised and can often be discriminated against. Whilst we take refuge in belonging together we have also taken steps to move away from the 'recovery bubble' and create new networks. Our community this year has expanded to include volunteers from all walks of life who have given their time to helping us. We've seen our income increase three-fold thanks to the extraordinary support of donors, sponsors and grant funders many of whom are fast becoming valuable friends of the charity.

I'm immensely proud but at the same time deeply humbled to be the chair of the board of trustees of an organisation with the opportunity to make such a difference in the lives of the people we help. What began as a story of two men from different walks of life who met over a coffee to talk about the idea of a charity has flourished into an organisation which is changing – even saving - lives. I am indebted to everyone who has walked alongside us to make the most unlikely of relationships – between a judge and a prisoner – a force for extraordinary good.

Peter Ross
Chair of the Board of Trustees
March 2022

STRATEGIC AIMS

In January 2022 we set about establishing six key strategic aims which were:

1. Increase the number of people for whom we can provide a safe home and a supported community of recovery
2. Revise and continue to implement our business model to improve and expand our service provision.
3. Prepare and manage a budget to ensure financial security for the future so we can continue to invest in supporting those who need our help.
4. Build on our existing relationships, develop our reach with new stakeholders and diversify sustainable income streams to achieve a balanced income from a range of sources.
5. Further strengthen and develop the community we build around those we support: to include creating a strong support network, friendship, opportunities to be together in community, maintaining good habits, volunteering, training and being of service to others.
6. Recruit, retain and develop a passionate team of staff and volunteers who are each driven by the charity vision and values.

Our main achievements during the 2021-22 Financial Year include:

- ◆ We more than doubled the number of men we house from 3 men at the end of 2021 to 6 men, with plans afoot to double this number again next year.
- ◆ We have created a business plan and fundraising strategy to focus our efforts next year.
- ◆ We secured office premises giving our residents a place to drop into when they need support.
- ◆ We have created a rolling annual budget for the charity to ensure that we are forecasting income and cashflow to make better informed strategic decisions.
- ◆ We have developed our community network and deepened existing relationships to more than double donations.
- ◆ We have improved charity governance with reviews of policies and procedures.
- ◆ We have increased our social media engagement by 16% with our posts reaching more than 2,500 people every month.
- ◆ We have attended events to raise the profile of our work including at the Forward Trust Colleague Conference, the Berkshire Community Foundation Annual Symposium, recording a More Than My Past Podcast, attending a Thames Valley Police event, networking at Kerith Church, speaking at Coldingley Prison, visiting Freedom Communities in Devon and speaking across many recovery networks.
- ◆ We have secured the in-kind support of many companies who support us in areas such as technology, events, print, media, PR and property maintenance.



Pictured: Tony Attwood and Peter Ross
#theprisonerandthejudge

TRUSTEES' EXPERTISE AND RECRUITMENT

One of our greatest strengths is the depth and breadth of experience we hold, which includes the experience of:

- Trustee experience, charity strategy, charity growth, safeguarding and governance
- Leadership, business growth, mentoring, finance, project management, technology
- Lived experience, attention to detail, passion, vision
- Communication, media, networking, contacts
- Grant giving experience, understanding of fundraising, sponsorship, appeals
- Criminal sector, prison work
- Property development, compliance
- Community services, addiction, recovery, counselling

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts of Hope and Vision Communities for the Financial Year 2021-22 are attached to this report. Our principal funding sources are rents and service charges from residents, donations, grants and sponsorship.

The following fundraising income was secured in our financial year 2021-2022:

Grants: £6,750 from the Reading Council Covid Support Fund, £2,500 from the Maidenhead Malachi Trust, £1,000 from the John Sykes Foundation, £5,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation, £4,980 from the Berkshire Community Foundation, £1,000 from the Seedfield Trust, £3,500 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund, £4,000 from the Shanly Foundation

Major Gifts: We secured a major donor who gives us a regular gift of £1,000 a month

Individual Donations include £300 a month from the Kiriath Trust

Commercial Sponsorship: £10,000 from Reeds Solicitors and a vehicle (van) donated to us by Arnold Clark.



Pictured: Trustees, Staff, Volunteers and Residents in 2022



Pictured: Staff and Volunteers at our offices in Hare Hatch, Reading

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees decided that reserves should be sufficient to continue to deliver the charity's work for a period of three months should all other sources of funding cease and this is gradually being built up.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Financial Year ended 31 March 2022

Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope and Vision Communities.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope and Vision Communities for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

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 all the applicable Directions given by 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

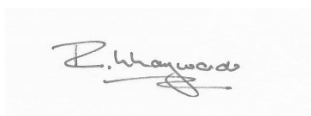
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Rachel Hayward

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW)

Address: c/o Fujitsu Services Limited, Lovelace Road, Bracknell, RG12 8SN

Date: 30th September 2022

INCOME STATEMENT



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope & Vision Communities

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	3,884
HMRC Gift Aid	416	-	-	416	196
Match Funding	-	-	-	-	2,350
Donations	7,269	500	-	7,769	3,075
Grants	-	-	-	-	11,000
Unrestricted Grants	5,175	-	-	5,175	-
Restricted Grants	-	19,225	-	19,225	-
Sponsorship	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Housing Benefit	10,175	-	-	10,175	2,396
Private Rent	10,500	-	-	10,500	1,900
Service Charge	1,408	-	-	1,408	433
Rent deposits	-	1,200	-	1,200	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for A.R.)	34,944	30,925	-	65,869	25,234
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,944	30,925	-	65,869	25,234

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS AND RESERVES



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope & Vision Communities

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

	For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments					
Advertising / Promotion	245	288	-	533	80
Computer costs	409	-	-	409	214
Wages	4,178	7,604	-	11,783	2,514
Rent deposit paid	-	985	-	985	-
Council tax	2,381	-	-	2,381	756
Property fixtures and fittings	-	7,306	-	7,306	-
Legal and professional fees	422	194	-	616	150
Office / General Administrative expenses	1,322	129	-	1,451	35
Other professional Services	542	-	-	542	269
Printing, postage and stationary	698	-	-	698	141
Rent- properties	15,430	-	-	15,430	2,800
Rent- office	-	1,600	-	1,600	-
Supplies	178	496	-	673	378
Training	-	-	-	-	280
Travel and accommodation	833	5,004	-	5,837	235
Utilities	3,260	-	-	3,260	513
Volunteer expenses	723	-	-	723	5
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,621	23,606	-	54,227	8,370
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
sofa	-	-	-	-	50
Sub total	-	-	-	-	50
Total payments	30,621	23,606	-	54,227	8,420
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,322	7,319	-	11,641	16,814
A5 Transfers between funds	2,664	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,663	15,042	-	16,705	-
Cash funds this year end	8,649	19,697	-	28,346	16,704

Accounts

Registered Charity Number: 1191323

**HOPE AND VISION COMMUNITIES
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021**

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**TRUSTEES REPORT
HOPE AND VISION COMMUNITIES**

Charity Name:	Hope and Vision Communities
Registered Address:	65 Anderson Avenue, Earley, Reading RG6 1HD
Registered Charity Number:	1191323
Registered Office:	The Coach House, Blakes Lane, Hare Hatch Reading, Berkshire RG10 9XR
Trustees:	Peter Ross (Chair) Ray Welsh, Secretary Treflyn Lloyd Roberts, Treasurer Becky Williams (resigned November 2021 due to be reappointed March 2022) Jenny Sutrees Jan Matthews
Founder/Employee:	Tony Attwood
Independent Examiner:	James Tottman
Bank:	Barclays Bank PLC Leicestershire England LE87 2BB

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

Hope and Vision Communities provides supported accommodation to those who have recently left residential rehabilitation for addiction. It is recognised that the risk of relapse is very high without a safe place to call home. We help those who would like to continue their journey of recovery in a healthy, supportive community which provides somewhere safe to live and something meaningful to do, including long-term accommodation, peer support, regular drug/alcohol testing, group work and the encouragement to engage in training, voluntary and paid work, all of which can aid long-term recovery and help create independent new life.

Our Christian ethos means we support residents of any faith, or no faith and we do not impose our views on anyone we work with.

Our six key strategic aims between 2021-2023 are:

1. Increase the number of people for whom we can provide a safe home and a supported community of recovery
2. Revise and continue to implement our business model to improve and expand our service provision.
3. Prepare and manage a budget to ensure financial security for the future so we can continue to invest in supporting those who need our help.
4. Build on our existing relationships, develop our reach with new stakeholders and diversify sustainable income streams to achieve a balanced income from a range of sources.
5. Further strengthen and develop the community we build around those we support: to include creating a strong support network, friendship, opportunities to be together in community, maintaining good habits, volunteering, training and being of service to others.
6. Recruit, retain and develop a passionate team of staff and volunteers who are each driven by the charity vision and values.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hope and Vision Communities is the brainchild of Tony Attwood, born out of his own experiences and I was delighted to join him in this venture, as the judge who had once sentenced him.

I'm all too aware that one of the major crises that our society faces is homelessness among ex-offenders and recovering addicts. For many of us involved in the work of recovery we know that times of change, particularly when there is great uncertainty as to the outcome, produce a very real risk of relapse. There is much evidence to show that if you give someone a home - a place where they can close the door and know that the space is theirs - you provide a stable basis for continued rehabilitation. This is more than physical security or simply a roof over our heads (important as these are) but a place where we have an emotional attachment. And that is what we hope to provide: somewhere to call "home".

Yet what we provide is more than a home: we offer a safe environment and strong community designed to aid recovery. We ask our residents to play an active part in their own recovery by attending groups and being tested to ensure that there has been no relapse. We provide 2-3 bed properties, ensuring that we retain a "home" like feel. We want to see our residents progress through training and work and don't limit our offering to those on housing benefit. We do not set any end date on how long residents stay with us, but we work to help them rebuild their lives with education, employment, and where and when it is appropriate, moving on to entirely independent living.

Despite the obvious challenges in launching a charity during a pandemic my fellow trustees and I are delighted with the strong support and encouragement we have seen from our growing network of supporters, donors, funders, the media, and volunteers. We are good news at a difficult time for many in recovery - change is possible and our powerful story is told by a man who has made that change himself. We remain confident that we are well-placed to adapt to the ever-changing external environment as we pursue our strategic path and extend our reach in the year to come.

SIGNED: Peter Ross
Chair of the Board of Trustees
January 2022

Trustees' Expertise and Recruitment

One of our greatest strengths is the depth and breadth of experience we hold, which includes the experience of:

- Trustee experience, charity strategy, charity growth, safeguarding and governance
- Leadership, business growth, mentoring, finance, project management, technology
- Lived experience, attention to detail, passion, vision
- Communication, media, networking, contacts
- Grant giving experience, understanding of fundraising, sponsorship, appeals
- Criminal sector, prison work
- Property development, compliance
- Community services, addiction, recovery, counselling

Our trustees are drawn from a range of backgrounds and experiences relevant to our work. Our current treasurer will soon be stepping aside from that role to focus on the issue of recovery, bringing to bear his considerable experience as a leading figure in the provision of rehabilitation services. We are seeking to appoint a new treasurer, but in the meantime have been fortunate to obtain the voluntary support of a qualified accountant.

Activities

This year was our first year of operation. In common with many charities the pandemic had an impact upon our work, but unlike many others our income levels increased. Leaving aside one or two socially committed landlords we have experienced considerable reluctance by many landlords to rent accommodation to a charity such as ours.

To date we have worked with six residents; one has moved on to independent accommodation with full time employment, one returned to his family having relapsed, and four remain in our two Reading based properties. All residents have come to us from the Yeldall Manor program. We've had referral requests from the probation services, police, and prisons but these people have not yet met our requirements. These have been encouraged towards residential rehabilitation. We've also been in regular communication with rehab centres across the UK inviting referrals. When we receive referrals, we inform applicants that it can take 3-6 months to secure housing. Our current residents are flourishing and enjoying their homes and the safety and /security it provides them. Three of our residents are in full time employment and one is working part time, combined with a college course.

Our program of activity includes:

- Identifying landlords willing to partner with us.
- Working with local treatment centres to identify suitable residents for our program who sign terms and conditions alongside their license agreement.

- We pay their first month's rent to give them time to get established after which the houses become self-sustaining.
- We manage structured house groups with a 12-step fellowship program.
- We provide a support structure which includes random drug and alcohol testing to keep the community safe and retain accountability
- We provide regular 1-1 key-working to help with education, training and employment We issue cleaning rotas to maintain routine and share responsibility
- We build a tight knit community, which includes social outings and plans to work together on a community allotment
- We partner with local charities, food banks and churches to collect donations.
- Through in-kind support we offer our clients access to a range of legal services including family law aid which can help reconnect them with their children

Although we have only one employee at present we are provided with considerable support from volunteers in the areas of fundraising and finance.

Main Achievements during 2021

- We have provided six residents with a safe place to call home.
- The majority of those we worked with have not relapsed or reoffended during this time.
- We have considerably expanded our supporter network and have 500 regular followers on social media, with some of our Facebook posts receiving over 4,000 views and engagements. Almost 32,000 people have seen posts on our Facebook page since we created it.
- We have obtained televised media coverage with the BBC, including two pieces of coverage on BBC South Today.
- We have obtained radio coverage with BBC Berkshire and secured newspaper coverage through local Berkshire newspapers.
- We have created databases of stakeholders including treatment centres, grant funders, potential landlords, supporters and friends and are in regular contact with these groups.
- We have designed and printed marketing material, including an appeal letter that highlights our story so far.
- We organised a successful community event to bring our stakeholders together and provide our residents and potential residents with an opportunity to learn more about our services.
- We've secured a great deal of in-kind support through generous supporters including technology, property maintenance and repair, a small community library, food parcels for our residents, all our office furniture, pro bono legal work, catering for our community event and marketing materials.
- Our powerful message means we have been invited to attend a number of networking events which have included the Forward Trust, House of Lords, Berkshire Community Foundation Annual Symposium, More Than My Past Campaign, Thames Valley Police IOM training event, Adapt, Renova, Kerith Church and recovery networking across England.

Financial Review

The accounts of Hope and Vision Communities for the Financial Year 2020-21 are attached to this report. Our principal funding sources are rents and service charges from residents, and grants from large and small grant giving and commercial organisations.

The following fundraising income was secured in 2021:

Grants: £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund, £5,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation, £4,950 from the Berkshire Community Foundation, £1,000 Arnold Clark Fund, Seedfield Trust £1,500. £1,000 from Edward and Diana Hornby Charitable Trust.

Donations: £1,000 from SMQ Legal, £2,500 from Arnold Clark.

Individual Fundraisers: over £7,000 from individuals raising money for us which includes £2350 match funding from Sovereign Housing.

Individual Donations include £100 a month from a regular giver and at least £1,200 from smaller donations.

Sponsorship: £5,000 from Reeds Solicitors towards the cost of our van.

Reserves Policy

The trustees decided that reserves should be sufficient to continue to deliver the charity's work for a period of three months should all other sources of funding cease. Whilst it has not been possible to create a reserve of this size this is to be addressed over the next two years.

Future Plans

We plan to implement our strategic aims over the next two years. We want to address the challenge of some landlords being unwilling to work with us and plan to share endorsements from current landlords demonstrating our successful resident occupation and the improvements our residents have made to existing properties.

We are considering the potential to house the families of men in recovery: something rarely offered in this sector. This can be lower risk since the family environment can aid recovery, there are options to sustainably exit the programme since a family can take over the rental independently, there are opportunities for a different type of community to be built around these residents, although we realise that we'd need strong measures in place to safeguard children, and any support worker would need to understand and represent the community being served.

We have a strong desire for equality and want to work with women to meet the pressing need. We are aware of varying challenges around the different environments working with the female sector and need to consider a peer-to-peer figurehead with lived experience to match the charity model.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT HOPE AND VISION COMMUNITIES

Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing accruals accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope and Vision Communities.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hope and Vision Communities for the period ended 31 March 2021.

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 all the applicable Directions given by 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: JAMES TOTTMAN

Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

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Date: January 15th 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
HOPE AND VISION COMMUNITIES
for the period ended 31 March 2021

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	1,192	2,692	-	3,884	-
HMRC Gift Aid	196	-	-	196	-
Match Funding	-	2,350	-	2,350	-
Private Donations	1,225	-	-	1,225	-
Regular Donation	100	-	-	100	-
Private Giving non Gift Aid	1,750	-	-	1,750	-
National Lottery grant	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Unrestricted grants	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Housing benefit	2,396	-	-	2,396	-
Other primary income	-	-	-	-	-
Private rent	1,900	-	-	1,900	-
Service charge	433	-	-	433	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,191	15,042	-	25,233	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,191	15,042	-	25,233	-
A3 Payments					
Advertising / Promotion	80	-	-	80	-
Computer costs	214	-	-	214	-
Labour costs	2,514	-	-	2,514	-
Council tax	756	-	-	756	-
Legal and professional fees	150	-	-	150	-

Office/ General					
Administrative expenses	35	-	-	35	-
Other professional services	269	-	-	269	-
Printing, postage and stationery	141	-		141	
Rent or lease of buildings	2,800	-		2,800	
Supplies	378	-		378	
Training	280	-		280	
Travel and accommodation	235	-		235	
Utilities	513	-	-	513	-
Volunteer expenses	5	-	-	5	-
Sub total	8,369	-	-	8,369	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sofa	50	-	-	50	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	50	-	-	50	
Total payments	8,419	-	-	8,419	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,773	15,042	-	16,814	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 110	-	-	- 110	-
Cash funds this year end	1,663	15,042	-	16,704	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowmen t funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Account	1,663	15,042	-
	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,663	15,042	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowmen t 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	Sofa		50	50
	-		-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	-		-	

SIGNED on behalf of the Board of Trustees:
Peter Ross, Chairman
Treflyn Lloyd Roberts, Treasurer
January 2022