



HOPE AND VISION
COMMUNITIES

2022-23

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & REPORT





Charity Name: Hope and Vision Communities

Registered Address:

The Coach House
Bear Lane
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Reading
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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

Hope and Vision Communities was created in 2020 by Tony Attwood along with the Judge who sent him to prison, His Honour Peter Ross.

We work with people after they successfully leave treatment for addiction and need to find move-on accommodation to continue their recovery. We know that it is at this uncertain point in their journey, when properties are hard to find, that negative thinking patterns can lead to relapse.





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

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.

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.

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

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 2023

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 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; of
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:

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	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

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

