

Hope Project (Lesvos)

Annual Accounts

31 December 2024

Registered Charity 1195697



THE HOPE PROJECT

(LESVOS)

website: <https://www.hopeprojectgreece.org>

Trustees Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Trustees:

Mr Peter Beddoes
Mrs Monica Hogg
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Sarah Elizabeth Jones – Resigned 20.08.2024

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1. Introduction

The trustees of Hope Project (Lesvos) present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended December 2024. This report follows the guidelines set by the Charity Commission and complies with the charity's governing document.

The Hope Project has operated in Lesvos, Greece since 2015, providing vital support to refugees and vulnerable local populations. Our goal is to offer dignity, safety, and essential services to those fleeing conflict and hardship.

2. Objectives and Activities

Our Mission:

To provide aid and support to refugees and displaced persons on the island of Lesvos, focusing on dignity, safety, and access to essential resources.

Objectives:

The charity's primary objectives for the year included:

Distributing essential supplies such as clothing, hygiene products, and other non-food items.

Offering psychosocial support, including art and recreational programs, to improve mental health and well-being.

Advocating for the rights and dignity of displaced individuals and supporting vulnerable members of the local community.

Key Activities:

During 2024, Hope Project (Lesvos) undertook several key activities:

Aid Distribution: Provided daily and consistent distribution of clothing, hygiene supplies, blankets, sleeping bags, and other essentials to approximately 11,000 newly arrived refugees and around 4,000 current camp residents.

Volunteer Engagement: Engaged up to 15 community volunteers, primarily from the refugee community, offering them meals, transport, and essential support.



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Advocacy and Collaboration: Partnered with other organisations and local services to meet emergency needs and improve coordination of aid distribution.

Psychosocial and Educational Programs: Continued the Hope Project Art initiative, including fine art, abstract art, music, theatre, and dance. Established craft rooms, a gym, sewing and salon services, and support spaces for women.

Animal Welfare: Provided care for several local stray animals, creating an inclusive and compassionate environment for all.

3. Achievements and Performance

Distribution Efforts:

Despite challenges such as the closure of Moria and policy changes, the Hope Project distributed essential items to over 11,000 arrivals and continued to meet the needs of around 4,000 camp residents. We issued appointments, ensuring order and dignity during distribution. Special needs, including items for babies and additional supplies for vulnerable individuals, were prioritised.

Volunteer Engagement:

Our dedicated team included up to 15 volunteers at a time, many from the refugee community. We provided them with meals, transport assistance, and essential support, enabling them to contribute effectively and foster community connections.

Advocacy and Collaboration:

We maintained strong relationships with other organisations, local services, and advocacy partners, despite the departure of many other groups from the island. This ensured emergency cases were addressed, and support was sustained for the most vulnerable.

Community Impact:

Our psychosocial programs reached more than 100 participants in art and educational workshops, promoting creativity, resilience, and a sense of belonging. We also cared for over 1,600 children, providing clothing, hygiene items, toys, and school supplies.

4. Financial Review

Income: £80,383 (2023: £112,091)

Expenditure: £120,592 (2023: £133,015)

Deficit: £40,209 (2023: £20,924)

Reserves: £15,223 (equivalent to approximately 2 months of operations)

5. Governance and Management

Trustees Meetings:

The trustees met regularly throughout the year to review operations, finances, and strategic plans. Key decisions included expanding psychosocial programs, adapting operations in response to policy changes, and strengthening volunteer and community partnerships.

Compliance:

The charity remained compliant with all regulatory requirements, with no safeguarding incidents reported during the period.



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Plans for the Future:

Looking ahead, Hope Project (Lesvos) plans to:

Expand our reach to more refugees and vulnerable locals.

Enhance mental health and psychosocial support, including new art and education initiatives.

Strengthen partnerships with local and international organisations.

Secure additional funding to meet the increasing needs due to rising arrivals and policy changes.

Prepare contingency plans for the potential opening of the Vastria camp, ensuring continuity of services.

6. Conclusion

The trustees express heartfelt gratitude to all donors, volunteers, and partners for their unwavering support. 2024 has been a year of immense challenges, but the collective efforts of our community have ensured that we continue to provide essential support and hope to those who need it most.

Approved by the Trustees on: 24.08.2025

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name

Mr Peter Beddoes

Position

Chair of Trustees

Date

24.08.2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Project (Lesvos)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hope Project (Lesvos) (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 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 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:

Name: Philip Hughes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA (member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Address: Llangoed, Ruthin Road, Mold, CH7 1QQ

Date 25 August 2025

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Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	£
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	75,383	5,000	80,383	112,091
Resources expended				
Raising funds	5,898		5,898	8,891
Charitable activities	101,971	5,000	106,971	116,638
Other	7,723		7,723	7,486
Total	115,592	5,000	120,592	133,015
Net movement in funds	(40,209)	-	(40,209)	(20,924)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	55,432	-	55,432	76,356
Total funds carried forward	<u>15,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,223</u>	<u>55,432</u>

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances	15,771	56,103	
Other current assets and prepayments	2,335	1,850	
	<u>18,106</u>	<u>57,953</u>	
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors	<u>2,883</u>	<u>2,521</u>	
Net current assets		15,223	55,432
Net assets		<u>15,223</u>	<u>55,432</u>
Funds of the charity - unrestricted			
Balance at start of period		55,432	76,356
Net movement in funds		(40,209)	(20,924)
Total funds		<u>15,223</u>	<u>55,432</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting basis

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

2 Analysis of expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Raising funds		
Publicity fees	5,130	8,376
Website costs	768	515
	<u>5,898</u>	<u>8,891</u>
Charitable activities		
Refugee Cost - Food	33,658	38,674
Refugee Cost - Clothes	1,630	5,823
Refugee Cost - Pharmacy / Welfare	310	1,211
Art Supplies	1,179	1,732
Staffing costs	34,596	34,596
Travel and subsistence	4,638	5,354
Warehouse Rent	22,592	22,433
Warehouse Electricity	4,132	2,731
Warehouse Heating	-	1,199
Warehouse Water	1,185	1,534
Warehouse repairs	3,051	1,351
	<u>106,971</u>	<u>116,638</u>
Other		
Telephone and internet	2,889	2,891
Postage	-	272
Stationery and printing	221	-
Insurance	485	819
Sundry	55	60
Bank charges	482	510
Accountants fees	1,712	1,996
Tax	800	938
Legal & Professional	1,079	-
	<u>7,723</u>	<u>7,486</u>