



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	8	December	2023		31	December	2024

Section AReference and administration details

Charity name

Hope Against Suicide

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1206116

Charity's principal address

3 Torrance Close

BRISTOL

PostcodeBS30 5LH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael	Treasurer	Served until 1 March 2024	
2	Shaun Finn			
3	Janes Smith			
4	Timothy Leaman			
5	Laurence Morton	Treasurer	Appointed 6 November 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Clare Kemp – CEO and Founder; Anthony Kemp - Head of operations and training

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Open recruitment with appointment endorsed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We have a number of strong, long-established partnerships in place, and entered into new arrangements with the Harbour Team and Borderlands in 2024.

Our partnerships are key to what we do. BID, NCP, Cabot Circus, the Business Crime Reduction Partnership, and the Harbourside Water Safety Team help us focus support where it's needed most, through shared data, strategic locations, and a community-led approach.

Working with organisations like BOSH, Sirona, and Borderlands means we can reach those at higher risk, people facing homelessness, or navigating life as immigrants and refugees. Many feel overlooked or shut out of support systems. Together, we make sure they're not.

The charity has in place robust policies to ensure proper governance and operation of charitable activities and manage risks, including the following policies:

- Bullying and Harassment Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Complaints Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Expenses Policy
- Financial Reserves Policy
- GDPR Policy
- Grievance and Disciplinary Policy
- Risk Assessment Form
- Risk Management Policy
- Serious Incident Reporting Policy

- Safeguarding Policy
- Social Media Policy

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Our vision is simple, yet urgent: To live in a world, and a city where no one reaches the point of crisis alone.

Our objects are the preservation of good mental health in Bristol by a) offering emotional support to individuals in distress to minimise escalation as well as crisis intervention; b) signposting to mental health services; c) collaborating with other organisations to prevent suicides

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We provide crucial listening, signposting, and advocacy support to anyone grappling with mental health issues. We operate through a team of trained mental health responders, offering a mobile, face to face listening service- in the busy centre of Bristol by day, and areas for nightlife on an evening. We aim to be a lifeline for those at risk of taking devastating actions.

Our three key aims are to get the community talking again, improve mental health, and prevent suicide. We strive for a healthier, more compassionate community where hope can be found, and a reduction in deaths by suicide, one of the leading causes of death worldwide.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

<p>The charity is led by the CEO founder, Clare Kemp. Operations are driven by the Head of Operations and Training, Anthony Kemp.</p> <p>The Response Managers report into Head of Operations and manage Mental Health Responder teams on shifts. These teams run patrols, providing an on-foot presence in high-footfall areas in Bristol, such as the busy shopping centre during the day and nightlife hotspots in the evening.</p> <p>Mental Health Responder teams are made up of 2 to 4 volunteers who are enhanced DBS-checked and specialist-trained to respond quickly and compassionately to individuals in distress. Their training includes Mental Health First Aid, Suicide First Aid, throwline rescue, and the use of naloxone for overdose emergencies, ensuring they're equipped to offer both early and crisis intervention. There are 20 trained Mental Health Responders.</p>

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Major achievements included:

- Launch of the suicide awareness bench
- Making plans for the establishment of The Listening Hub
- Successful large scale grant awards from The National Lottery and a number of other funders resulting in £31,154 income
- Recruitment of Response Managers

We have made a significant impact with our operations in 2023-2024, furthering our objectives around mental health and suicide prevention.

Patrol data

We delivered 43 day patrols and 25 night patrols, giving a total of 184 hours on patrol. Across these patrols there were:

- 831 interactions (brief encounters)
- 214 engagements (meaningful conversations)
- 24 beneficiaries signposted
- 10 welfare check ins

Demographics

Our beneficiary data shows the balance of interactions and engagements with the following groups:

Genders:

- Male **68%**
- Female **32%**

Most common vulnerable groups:

- Homeless **79%**
- Middle Aged Men **68%**
- Women **37%**

Most common mental health disclosures:

- Depression **38%**
- Addiction **31%**
- PTSD **12%**

Case study

There have been many positive stories of how our services have support beneficiaries in this period. One particular standout intervention was the team working with emergency services to be first on scene to a young female the wrong side of the barrier at the top of a carpark. The young female was pulled to safety just in time as she shortly after had an epileptic seizure. The intervention saved this person's life.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity set a policy to maintain sufficient reserves equivalent to around 6 months' running costs to allow operations to continue should there be a shortfall in funding. A reserves target of £2,000 was therefore set at the start of the financial year and this target was met throughout the financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- Hope Against Suicide had a hugely successful year, with income far greater (£31,154) in 23/24 than in 22/23 (£11,211) driven in large part by the £19,530 National Lottery grant in August 2024. A surplus of £21,539 was made in 23/24 and the charity remained above the £2,000 reserves target throughout the year.
- The majority of income in 23/24 was restricted (£26,258), with grants a major source of income – in addition to the National Lottery we received funds from The Albert Hunt Trust (£4,000) and Warburtons (£400). Unrestricted income was £4,896, with sources including successful Christmas fundraisers to sell cards.
- Total spending more than doubled in 23/24 – with total spending £9,615, compared to £4,469 in 22/23
- The biggest outlay in 23/24 was on volunteer deployment (provision of training and uniforms) - £5,068. Operational costs (including the bench launched by the Harbourside) were £2,002.

Section F

Other optional information

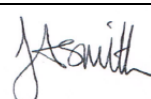
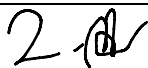
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Laurence Morton

James Smith

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	17.09.2025	

Receipts and payments account

For the period from	12/8/2023	To
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Statement of financial activities for the period 8 Dec 23 - 31 Dec 24

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 23/24 funds to date
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Receipts			
Voluntary receipts	4,896	26,258	31,154
Activities for generating funds (trading)	-	-	-
Investment dividends/interest	-	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-
Interest received	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	4,896	26,258	31,154
Asset and investment sales			
Receipts from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-
Receipts from sale of investments	-	-	-
Loan repayments received	-	-	-
Loans received from an external funder	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,896	26,258	31,154
Payments			
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	-	1,628	1,628
Fundraising costs (trading activities)	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-
Costs of charitable activities	367	7,570	7,937
Governance and admin costs	50	-	50
Sub total	417	9,198	9,615
Asset and investment purchases			
Cost of purchasing fixed assets	-	-	-
Cost of investments	-	-	-
Cost of providing loans	-	-	-
Loan payments	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	417	9,198	9,615
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,479	17,060	21,539

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2024

Categories	Details	Total 23/24 funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Cash	28,281
		-
		-
	Total cash funds	28,281
Other monetary assets	Details	Total funds to nearest £
	Tax reclaims due	-
	Recoverable grants due	-
	other debts	-
Liabilities	Details	
	Taxes due	-
	Staff costs	-
	Suppliers' accounts	-
	Other liabilities	-

Net assets

28,281

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12/31/2024



Total 22/23 funds
(Restated)

to the nearest £

11,052
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11,211

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11,211

1,126
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3,313
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4,469

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4,469

6,741



Total 22/23 funds
(Restated)

to nearest £

6,741
-
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6,741

Total funds
to nearest £

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13,077

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Hope Against Suicide

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1206116

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

J R Eke

Date:

26th September
2025

Name:

John Robert Eke

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

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Address:

Soarview, 4 Stable Court

Malborough

Devon TQ7 3FB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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