

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT — THE LIVING HOPE

For the Year Ending: 3rd November 2024

Charity Name: The Living Hope

Charity Number: 1206681

Principal Address: 131 Edgar Street, Hereford. HR4 9JR

Trustees Serving During Reporting Year:

- **Dr Sid Freeman** – Chair (Appointed 23 January 2024)
- **Gareth Tobin** – Trustee (Appointed 23 January 2024 – resigned 6 Sept 2024)
- **Paul Gill** – Trustee (Appointed 23 January 2024)
- **Peter Cole** – Trustee (Appointed 23 January 2024)
- **Vikki Thomas** – Trustee (Appointed 23 January 2024)
- **Alison Pritchard** – Trustee (Appointed 29 May 2024)
- **Stephen Thomas** – Trustee (Appointed 15 Oct 2024)

1. Structure, Governance & Management

The Living Hope is a registered, incorporated charity governed by a written constitution. Trustees are appointed through community connections and invitation based on relevant experience or lived values. The charity is managed by the trustees, who meet regularly to oversee the charity's direction, assess impact, and ensure financial responsibility.

2. Objectives & Activities

Charitable Objective:

The prevention or relief of poverty in Herefordshire by: - Providing emergency and transitional accommodation

- Supporting individuals moving on from temporary housing
- Offering items and services to individuals and organisations working to relieve poverty

3. Achievements & Performance

In response to local needs identified at the Hereford Homelessness Forum, The Living Hope launched **The Living Hope Hub**, a winter outreach project providing hot meals and wraparound care to the rough sleeping community.

Key Stats: - Operated daily (Dec 11, 2023 – March 24, 2024)

- **1,176 hot meals** served
- Volunteers provided not only meals but also clothing, crisis support, referral guidance, and human connection
- Built key partnerships with local churches, restaurants, agencies, and councils

This project revealed the need for a permanent, stable environment to offer long-term care and transition services. While an initial concept for a **Living Hope Centre** was explored,

the charity secured an even more suitable solution: **The Living Hope House**, a dedicated residential and support property.

On 18 October 2024, **Green Pastures** purchased the property that would become *The Living Hope House* on behalf of the charity. This was established under a lease agreement, enabling The Living Hope to license tenants and claim enhanced housing benefit for support services. Although no tenants were placed in this reporting period, significant renovation and preparation work began to make the property safe, welcoming, and compliant for future use.

4. Financial Review

Total Income: £17,082

Total Expenditure: £3,048

Year-End Balance: £14,034

Restricted vs General Funds:

The winter outreach initiative was modestly funded. The majority of revenue generated during the period was intended to support the acquisition and development of a permanent property. This vision has been fulfilled with the securing of *The Living Hope House*, which aligns directly with the charity's long-term mission.

While a concept for a community-facing centre was considered, it was not pursued further once the House was secured. Although tenant occupancy had not yet commenced within this reporting period, funds were used for preparatory works including renovation, health and safety improvements, and operational planning.

Reserves Policy:

The charity maintains sufficient unrestricted reserves to support the setup, furnishing, and operation of The Living Hope House. Target reserve = 6 months operational overheads.

5. Custodian Trustee Status

The Living Hope does not act as custodian trustee for any other charities or funds.

6. Declaration

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 2nd Sept 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature:



Name: Stephen Thomas

Role: Chair

Balance Sheet

The Living Hope
As at 3 November 2024

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Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
THE LIVING HOPE CURRENT ACCOUNT	14,033.77
Total Cash at bank and in hand	14,033.77
Total Current Assets	14,033.77
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	14,033.77
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	14,033.77
Net Assets	14,033.77
Capital and Reserves	
Current Year Earnings	14,033.77
Total Capital and Reserves	14,033.77

Profit and Loss

The Living Hope

For the period 23 January 2024 to 3 November 2024

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Turnover

Church Donations	695.00
Corporate/Business Donations	9,796.13
General Donations	5,291.45
Gift Aid Donations	300.00
Grants	1,000.00
Total Turnover	17,082.58

Cost of Sales

Food Expenses	107.21
Personnel Training/Development	44.99
Property Electrical Costs	103.44
Property Maintance	96.00
Venue Hire	1,000.00
Total Cost of Sales	1,351.64

Gross Profit	15,730.94
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Administrative Costs

Administrative Costs	534.17
Licence Fees	199.00
Professional Fees	150.00
Sundries	12.00
Transport Costs	250.00
Website Fee	552.00
Total Administrative Costs	1,697.17

Operating Profit	14,033.77
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Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	14,033.77
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Profit after Taxation	14,033.77
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