

Hope House (HH)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101884

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-08-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The company's objects are specifically restricted to the promotion of the benefit of the inhabitants (hereinafter called "the beneficiaries") of the Greater Belfast Area and its environs of Northern Ireland (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") and beyond if required, without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: (i) to providing refuge, mentoring, counselling, education in life skills, and whatever other means may be appropriate and available for the personal development and physical, emotional, and spiritual benefit of women aged 18 and over who are or have been the victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual exploitation; and (ii) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity, and with the provision that any such purpose does neither distract from nor conflict with the primary objects of the company.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Accommodation/housing, Advice/advocacy/information, Counselling/support, Criminal justice, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Medical/health/sickness, Relief of poverty, Religious activities, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Children (5-13 year olds), Community safety/crime prevention, Ethnic minorities, General public, Interface communities, Learning disabilities, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Unemployed/low income, Victim support, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£10,330	£10,194	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Andrew Dawson		
Mrs Lynda Brabham		
Rev Nigel Brabham		

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Accounts

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations	10,330	-	10,330	9,284
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Total income	10,330	-	10,330	9,284
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Support & Governance costs	2 5,486	-	5,486	6,234
Total expenditure	5,486	-	5,486	6,234
Net surplus for the year	4,844	-	4,844	3,050
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4,844	-	4,844	3,050
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	48,597	-	48,597	45,547
Fund balances at 31 May 2021	53,441	-	53,441	48,597

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	70,917	71,191
		<u>70,917</u>	<u>71,191</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	4	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		12,854	12,718
		<u>12,854</u>	<u>12,718</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(330)	(312)
Net current assets		<u>12,524</u>	<u>12,406</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year:			
Loans		(30,000)	(35,000)
		<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>53,441</u>	<u>48,597</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	6	53,441	48,597
Restricted funds		-	-
		<u>53,441</u>	<u>48,597</u>
Total charity funds		<u>53,441</u>	<u>48,597</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 May 2024. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 10 November 2025.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



N Brabham
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI624483

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 May 2025

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Hope House (HH) is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 12 Florida Drive, Belfast, BT6 8EX.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in the full Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the

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amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support programme activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, probable receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land & buildings, are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

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Fixtures and fittings	20% per annum reducing balance
Computer equipment	20% per annum reducing balance

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

(i) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(k) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(l) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(m) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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2 Support & governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Advertising	0	-	0	0
Insurance	1,109	-	1,109	1,072
Light & heat	893	-	893	2,145
Repairs and maintenance	1,270	-	1,270	1,018
Telephone	475	-	475	636
Training	0	-	0	0
Printing, postage, stationery	0	-	0	0
Accountancy	380	-	380	312
Bank charges and interest	70	-	70	60
Sundry expenses	1,015	-	1,015	648
Depreciation on computer equipment	16	-	16	20
Depreciation on office equipment	258	-	258	323
	5,486	-	5,486	6,234

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings freehold £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures, furniture & fittings £	Total £
Cost:				
At 1 June 2024	69,822	299	4,925	75,046
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2025	<u>69,822</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>4,925</u>	<u>75,046</u>
Depreciation:				
At 1 June 2024	-	221	3,634	3,855
Charge for the year	-	16	258	274
On Disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>3,892</u>	<u>4,129</u>
Net book value:				
At 31 May 2025	<u>69,822</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>1,033</u>	<u>70,917</u>
At 31 May 2024	<u>69,822</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>71,191</u>

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4 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	0	0
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	0	0
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5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	330	312
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	330	312
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6 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 2024 £
General funds	45,547	9,284	(6,234)		48,597
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	45,547	9,284	(6,234)	-	48,597
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7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Taxation

No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

9 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

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10 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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Accounts

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations	9,284	-	9,284	7,157
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Total income	9,284	-	9,284	7,157
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Support & Governance costs	6,234	-	6,234	4,143
Total expenditure	6,234	-	6,234	4,143
Net surplus for the year	3,050	-	3,050	3,014
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	3,050	-	3,050	3,014
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	45,547	-	45,547	42,533
Fund balances at 31 May 2021	48,597	-	48,597	45,547

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	71,191	71,534
		<u>71,191</u>	<u>71,534</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	4	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		12,718	14,301
		<u>12,718</u>	<u>14,301</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(312)	(288)
Net current assets		<u>12,406</u>	<u>14,013</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year:			
Loans		(35,000)	(40,000)
		<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>48,597</u>	<u>45,547</u>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	6	48,597	45,547
Restricted funds		-	-
		<u>48,597</u>	<u>45,547</u>
Total charity funds		<u>48,597</u>	<u>45,547</u>

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The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 12 November 2024.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N Brabham', written in a cursive style.

N Brabham
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI624483

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For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

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(j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(k) Leases

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Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SOFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(l) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(m) Going concern

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For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

2 Support & governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Advertising	0	-	0	0
Insurance	1,072	-	1,072	900
Light & heat	2,145	-	2,145	539
Repairs and maintenance	1,018	-	1,018	465
Telephone	636	-	636	624
Training	0	-	0	0
Printing, postage, stationery	0	-	0	174
Accountancy	312	-	312	312
Bank charges and interest	60	-	60	63
Sundry expenses	648	-	648	638
Depreciation on computer equipment	20	-	20	24
Depreciation on office equipment	323	-	323	404
	6,234	-	6,234	4,143

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings freehold £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures, furniture & fittings £	Total £
Cost:				
At 1 June 2023	69,822	299	4,925	75,046
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2024	<u>69,822</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>4,925</u>	<u>75,046</u>
Depreciation:				
At 1 June 2023	-	201	3,311	3,512
Charge for the year	-	20	323	343
On Disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>3,634</u>	<u>3,855</u>
Net book value:				
At 31 May 2023	<u>69,822</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>71,191</u>
At 31 May 2022	<u>69,822</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>1,614</u>	<u>71,534</u>

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For the Year Ended 31 May 2024

4 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	0	0
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	0	0
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5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	312	288
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	312	288
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6 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 2024 £
General funds	45,547	9,284	(6,234)		48,597
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	45,547	9,284	(6,234)	-	48,597
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7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Taxation

No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

9 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

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10 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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Annual report

Hope House (HH)

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 May 2024

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Having traversed the previous years and extremely challenging times with both fallout from a connected organisation's Internal issues causing the loss of the majority of its volunteers as well as a Trustee and the accounts manager we have stabilised, and over the next year we intend to promote a drive to find new faces to join the team and expand our ability to reach and help those who come our way.

With the disappearance of the urgency of Covid in 2022-23 a decision was taken by the Trustees to return to full service and to actively seek ways to promote our services to a wider source base by reaching out. In 2021-22 as previously mentioned in report the potential of a partnering situation with another like-minded charity organisation, for whom Hope House could provide safe and secure accommodation for their clientele, was explored, and became a reality during the 21-22 financial period.

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In addition to this we reached out to another source and created another working relationship during the 2023-24 financial year, and this too has borne fruit, with the installation of a couple of new clients early in 2024. Unfortunately for one it was not the right move but the other has remained with us and we are actively seeking a new face to join her. As a result, whilst not massive we have had a steady stream of income into the Hope House organisation that whilst not making sufficient to employ staff enables us to cover the operational costs.

We have continued to fulfil our obligation for the repayment of the loan for the purchase of Hope House and the outstanding amount is reducing at the agreed rate within the time frame agreed at the time of its provision.

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Finally, we are in the process of applying for change of use for the property to a position that will enable us to utilise the third bedroom without recourse to HMO status which if successful will permit a further stream of income to come into the organisation. We await the outcome of that application.

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In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

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- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- * prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board of trustees



N Brabham
Trustee

Dated: 12 November 2024

Hope House (HH)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101884

Annual return

Hope House (HH)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Hope House (HH) for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees' and examiner

The charity's trustees', who are also the directors of Hope House (HH) for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the 2008 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65(3)(a) of the 2008 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

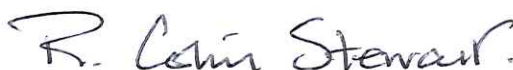
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;

have not been met or

- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R. Colin Stewart
for and on behalf of
Guardian
Chartered Accountants
2 William Street
Newtownards
Co. Down
BT23 4AH



Dated: 12 November 2024

Hope House (HH)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101884

Accounts

Hope House (HH)

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

		Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations		7,157	-	7,157	2,325
Bank interest		-	-	-	-
Total income		7,157	-	7,157	2,325
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Support & Governance costs	2	4,143	-	4,143	2,752
Total expenditure		4,143	-	4,143	2,752
Net deficit/surplus for the year		3,014	-	3,014	(427)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,014	-	3,014	(427)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		42,533	-	42,533	42,960
Fund balances at 31 May 2021		45,547	-	45,547	42,533

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Hope House (HH)

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	71,534	71,962
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		71,534	71,962
Current assets			
Debtors	4	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		14,301	10,787
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		14,301	10,787
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(288)	(216)
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Net current assets		14,013	10,571
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year:			
Loans		(40,000)	(40,000)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total assets less current liabilities		45,547	42,533
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	6	45,547	42,533
Restricted funds		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total charity funds		45,547	42,533
		<hr/>	<hr/>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 May 2023. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

Hope House (HH)

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 3 October 2023.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



N Brabham
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI624483

Hope House (HH)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Hope House (HH) is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 12 Florida Drive, Belfast, BT6 8EX.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in the full Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the

Hope House (HH)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support programme activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, probable receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land & buildings, are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20% per annum reducing balance
Computer equipment	20% per annum reducing balance

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For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

(i) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(k) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(l) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(m) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 May 2023

2 Support & governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Advertising	0	-	0	0
Insurance	900	-	900	860
Light & heat	539	-	539	94
Repairs and maintenance	465	-	465	67
Telephone	624	-	624	537
Training	0	-	0	0
Printing, postage, stationery	174	-	174	19
Accountancy	312	-	312	216
Bank charges and interest	63	-	63	30
Sundry expenses	638	-	638	394
Depreciation on computer equipment	24	-	24	31
Depreciation on office equipment	404	-	404	504
	4,143	-	4,143	2,752

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings freehold £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures, furniture & fittings £	Total £
Cost:				
At 1 June 2022	69,822	299	4,925	75,046
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2023	<u>69,822</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>4,925</u>	<u>75,046</u>
Depreciation:				
At 1 June 2022	-	177	2,907	3,084
Charge for the year	-	24	404	428
On Disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>3,311</u>	<u>3,512</u>
Net book value:				
At 31 May 2023	<u>69,822</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>1,614</u>	<u>71,534</u>
At 31 May 2022	<u>69,822</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>71,962</u>

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4 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	0	0
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	0	0
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5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	288	216
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6 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	42,533	7,157	(4,143)		45,547
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7 Trustees

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8 Taxation

No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

9 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

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10 Related party transactions

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Annual report

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As previously mentioned, 2019-2022 were extremely challenging years with fall out from a connected organisation's internal issues causing the loss of the majority of its volunteers as well as a Trustee and the accounts manager.

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- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- * prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board of trustees



N Brabham
Trustee

Dated: 3 October 2023

Hope House (HH)

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101884

Annual return

Hope House (HH)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Hope House (HH) for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees' and examiner

The charity's trustees', who are also the directors of Hope House (HH) for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the 2008 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65(3)(a) of the 2008 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

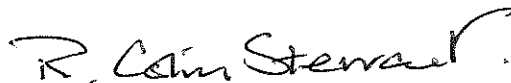
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;

have not been met or

- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R. Colin Stewart
for and on behalf of
Guardian
Chartered Accountants
2 William Street
Newtownards
Co. Down
BT23 4AH



Dated: 3 October 2023