

Bringing Hope

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102576

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-11-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	374 Woodstock Road Belfast BT6 9dq BT6 9DQ
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Activities

Purposes: The Objects of Bringing Hope shall be the Relief of Sickness and Preservation of Health among people suffering from Cancer residing either permanently or temporarily in Northern Ireland, through the Provision of Practical Help, Advice and Support to them and their families and carers.

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Grant making, Medical/health/sickness, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, Ex-offenders and prisoners, General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Specific areas of deprivation, Travellers, Unemployed/low income, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£207,389	£210,924	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mary		
Mrs Elizabeth McMahon		
Ms Bronagh McMahon		
Shane Rafferty		

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Year ended 31 December 2024

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21 March 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

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9,912.35

Grant Income	17,650.00
Collections	31,041.21
Shop Income	37,237.72
Donations	4,630.59
Recycling Income	2,127.77
Card Donations	27,742.21
Sum Up Donations	62,633.37
Fundraising	24,140.43
Other	186.32

Donations	36,045.00
Rents	36,116.00
Phone & Broad Band	3,421.44
Heat & Light	9,594.75
Insurances	2,562.54
Shop Repairs	843.02
Promotional Costs	2,685.88
Wages	53,924.84
Volunteer Expenses	34,033.94
Transport Costs	872.22
Van Costs	4,520.00
Car Repayments	3,060.00
Accountancy Fees	1,740.00
Solicitor Fees	1,292.00
Printing, Posage & stationary	357.38
Till Expenses	982.92
From Sum Up	16,869.15
Subs	499.67
Bank Fees	1,204.23
Petty Cash	300.00

TOTAL INCOME

207,389.62

TOTAL EXPENSES

210,924.98

CLOSING BALANCE

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Care Donations	2,805.00
Gift Card Donations	27,240.00
Respite Care	6,000.00
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Advice Given 2024

Personal Independent Payment – 10
Universal Credit – 6
Blue Badge application – 2
Counselling – 10
Transport to Hospital – 130
Clothing – 5
Free Health Care Applications – 15

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Christmas Hampers	600.00
Respite Care	8,000.00
Tesco Gift Card Donations	17,095.00
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Counselling – 72
Transport to Hospital – 89
Clothing – 14
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Kennedy Centre Collections	61,409.20
Forestside Collections	49,291.06
Cash Donations	11,220.05
Cheque Donations	825.50
Direct Credit Donations	6,234.95
Antrim & Ballymena Donations	3,362.71
Shop Income	6,233.44
Recycling	1,934.00
Grant Income	48,250.00
Haru Clothes Payment	621.28
Centres Refunds	3,900.00
Fundraising Events	1,183.35
P Burton Overpaid	244.00
Amazon Refunds	31.48

TOTAL INCOME

194,741.02

EXPENDITURE

Shop Rents	13,320.00
Centres Rent	29,080.00
Oil Donations	15,710.03
Gas Donations	7,660.00
Christmas Hampers	600.00
Gift Cards	17,095.00
Respite Donations	8,000.00
Electricity	7,738.89
Advertisements	1,850.84
Fund Raising Expenses	2,200.43
Volunteer Fuel Expenses	796.00
Van Expenses	2,470.24
Van Hire	994.30
Car Expenses	3,888.94
Telephone Expenses	1,164.20
Bank Fees	344.41
Wages	54,507.44
Haru Clothes Payments	814.98
Computer Expenses	2,151.80
Accountants Fee	1,020.00
Shop Expenses	3,910.38
Shop Maintenance	4,722.97
Printing	2,389.00
Card Reader Expenses	2,359.28
Membership Fees	330.00
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Woodstock Income 58,492.17
Park Centre Income 29,712.88
Centres Collections 41,345.46

Donations 43,119.03
Shop Rents 10,620.00
Centres Rent 34,684.00
Wages 35,519.00
Volunteer Expenses 8,325.21
Repairs & Renewals 547.50
Shops security systems 3,456.00
Telephone Expenses 1,557.52
Motor Expenses 2,853.52
Retail Systems 1,152.00
Utilities 10,946.36
Marketing Media 1,044.75
Insurances 2,101.61
Bank Charges 529.04
Professional Fees 960.00
Sundry Payments 154.80
Subscriptions 155.00

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129,550.51

TOTAL EXPENSES

157,725.34

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102576

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees, present their report and the unaudited Income and Expenditure account of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Bringing Hope

Charity registration number 102576

Principle office and registered office 374 Woodstock Road
Belfast
Co. Antrim
BT6 9DQ

The Trustees Miss Mary-Jo McMahon
Mrs Georgina Sands
Ms Bronagh McMahon
Mrs Elizabeth McMahon
Miss Hazel Sands
Mr James Sands

Accountants Phelan & Prescott
River House
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A Brief History of Bringing Hope

Bringing Hope was formed on 1st July 2006 following a discussion among a group of friends to help provide practical help to cancer sufferers, their families, friends and carers. It has grown from those early days of helping a few people to now helping and supporting hundreds of people each year by providing practical help to ease the burden caused by cancer.

Objectives and Activities

We provide care and support services to cancer sufferers and their families by offering the following services:

- Counselling/advice
- Benefits advice
- Group meetings
- Art therapy sessions
- Relaxation therapies
- Easter/Christmas hampers
- Transport to/from medical appointments
- Help with heating cost
- Clothing donations

We also work in partnership and assist with much needed funding for other cancer charities within Northern Ireland.

The trustees have four meetings a year, one of which is an Annual General Meeting.

A funding sub-committee of at least three trustees meets as when required to administer donation of funds to individuals.

Charity Income

The charity receives no government funding nor from any grant making trusts. All income to the charity come from fundraising from the general public through street collections, shopping centres and shops collections. Fundraising events are also organised by individual businesses, schools, youth organisations and churches.

The Trustees have acknowledged the difficulties of fund raising during the Covid pandemic and would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, help and support during 2022. Also a special thanks to all the organisations who organised fundraising events to raise funds for our much needed work.

The trustees would also like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time to help in the various fundraising activities so that we were able to support and help those in need.

The trustees acknowledge the Independent Examiner's Report and the unaudited Income and Expenditure account prepared for the charity, year ended 31 December 2022.

Mr Jim Sands

Mr Jim Sands
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees Bringing Hope

Year ended 31 December 2022

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the statements of income and expenditure.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- 1) That accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act.
- 2) That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
- 3) That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
- 4) That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

We have completed our examination and have identified matters of concern in respect of areas (1) and (2). Sufficient accounting records have not been kept and it was noted that a proportion of the expenditure was made in cash from retained unbanked cash and few receipts were kept. Volunteer expenses have not been able to be fully verified as payments were made in cash. The charity trustees are aware of the importance of maintaining full records of such transactions going forward.

In respect of matters (3) and (4) listed above, and in following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no other matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Public Benefit Reporting

During 2022 Bringing Hope were able to offer advice, make donations and offer help to members of the public, although because of restrictions relating to the outbreak of Covid our work was limited.

Donations Made 2022

Gas Donations	3,720.00
Oil Donations	2,750.00
Electricity Donations	3,974.00
Food Hamper donations	2,900.03
Electronic Gift Card Donations	8,055.00
Fuel Donations	3,200.00
Toy Donations	2,650.00
Meeting Clients / Counselling	2,355.00
Transport to hospital Appointments	2,610.00
Clothes Donations	1,845.00
Gift Card Donations	9,060.00
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	£43,119.03

Advice Given 2022

Personal Independent Payment – 27
Universal Credit – 14
Blue Badge application – 8
Housing – 2
Free Health Care Applications - 1

Forms Completed 2022

Personal Independence Payment – 16
Universal Credit - 9
Blue Badge Application – 14
Free Health Care Applications - 1

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

OPENING BALANCE

31,319.91

Woodstock Income	58,492.17
Park Centre Income	29,712.88
Centres Collections	41,345.46

Donations	43,119.03
Shop Rents	10,620.00
Centres Rent	34,684.00
Wages	35,519.00
Volunteer Expenses	8,325.21
Repairs & Renewals	547.50
Shops security systems	3,456.00
Telephone Expenses	1,557.52
Motor Expenses	2,853.52
Retail Systems	1,152.00
Utilities	10,946.36
Marketing Media	1,044.75
Insurances	2,101.61
Bank Charges	529.04
Professional Fees	960.00
Sundry Payments	154.80
Subscriptions	155.00

TOTAL INCOME

129,550.51

TOTAL EXPENSES

157,725.34

CLOSING BALANCE

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