

HOPE UNWRAPPED

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 May 2024

Objectives and activities

The Trustees have given due consideration to the CCNI guidance on public benefit in exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Hope Unwrapped is an organisation whose purposes include

" the advancement of religion in promoting the faith of Jesus Christ and spread of His principles as those found in the scriptures. " the prevention or relief of those in need or unemployed by providing training in furniture up cycling and repair, essential skills, social and leisure classes; and providing volunteering opportunities, working with others in a workshop and a shop sales environment, in order that we give purposeful activity to those who need assistance to re-establish them back into society

The organisation carries out this purpose through delivering projects which include

" the management of a charity shop and accompanying work space which supports the teaching of new skills or refresher courses for those seeking entry into the workforce after periods of unemployment " a befriending service accompanies this for those suffering mild to moderate mental ill health, and support services for those who have experienced life trauma or loss. " the work space and charity shop generate funds which are used to support the work of the charity and any surplus generated is donated to other charities.

Our funding is mainly raised by the sale of donated items through our shop.

Achievements and performance

As we look back over the last year, we are so thankful to a faithful God who has provided such fantastic donated product for our shop and volunteers from the local community to help. It would not have been possible to achieve our goal without the wonderful support from the public and volunteers.

We have been able to provide financial support to the persecuted Christian Church through the organisation Open Doors. Will and Margaret Collins had the opportunity to visit the Open Doors headquarters in the Netherlands to see firsthand how money was being used in various countries to support the many people who are been persecuted for their Christian faith. Will and Margaret shared the information they were given and the experience they had during the trip with both the trustee's and volunteers. They expressed how worthwhile it is to continue to support this work.

The volunteers, some of whom have special needs and others struggling with mental health issues had the opportunity to meet with others and learn how to work together as a team. Lasting friendships have been formed within the team and we were encouraged by how their confidence had grown and the willingness to learn new skills which they can use in their daily life. We were able to provide volunteering experience for young people involved with Duke of Edinburgh and other badge awards. It was a great encouragement to see them grow in confidence and how well they interacted with the other volunteers as a team.

We were able to provide those who are on low income and are struggling, with clothing and household essentials for a minimal charge, and on occasions have provided items free of charge to those who have found themselves in a real struggle to survive. A new shed was provided by a supporter to help with incoming donations of clothing and other items which has made the process of sorting much less time consuming and much more manageable.

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Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 5-13

The Charity's Reserves Policy is to hold sufficient unrestricted funds to enable continued operation of the shop and workshop despite fluctuations in trading income throughout the year.

Plans for future periods

We aim to continue the above activities into future periods and will thereby continue to help the disadvantaged and unemployed to re-establish themselves into society and also promote the Christian faith throughout the world by raising funds to support the work of other charities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 18 March 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr James Smyth
Trustee

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	HOPE UNWRAPPED
Charity registration number	NIC105706
Principal office	98A Drumcroone Road Coleraine BT51 4ER

The trustees

Mr James Smyth
Mr David McKee
Mr John Wilkinson
Mrs Eithne Smyth
Mrs Olive Wilkinson
Mrs Linda Brown
Mr Ian McFaul

Independent examiner	Paul A Taylor & Co Unit 4 12 Spittal Hill Bushmills Road Coleraine BT52 2BY
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution, which sets out the association rules. The trustees are drawn from the local community and are as follows: Mr James Irwin Smyth, Mr David McKee, Mr John Wilkinson, Mrs Eithne Smyth and Mrs Olive Wilkinson. The trustees delegate the shop and workshop operational management to a charity manager.