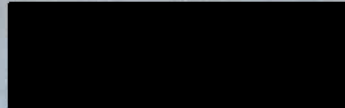


Hope Church Trustees report for 12 months to March 31 2025

Hope Church Borders is a recognised Scottish Charity, charity number SC044574. The operation of the charity is governed by its Trust Deed.

The current trustees are:



During the 12 months to March 31 2025, Hope Church Borders continued to grow and increase its range of outreach activities. A new church gathering in Newtown St Boswells has been launched and is showing growth in numbers.

Our Vision Our overall vision is: 'Making God famous * in our life * as church family * as we go'

Our specific vision in this season is:

The church we see is a family where everyone truly belongs. An inviting, all age church excited about Jesus & what He is building through each of us. We seek to raise up the next generation by helping children, & young people be equipped for the future and invest in leadership development. We desire to multiply by remaining one church but establishing multiple worship gatherings across the Borders and beyond.

Our Values

Our focus continues to be the development of our four values: Pray, Meet, Make and Multiply.

Pray: We desire to make corporate and private prayer more accessible to the church and others.

Meet: We desire to make good use of the opportunities to gather together.

Make: We want to equip and release one another to grow as disciples and use our gifts and abilities to serve others.

Multiply: We want to use every appropriate opportunity to facilitate individual and church-wide increase in the number of people helped and lives transformed.

In line with these values, this report summarises the work of the church over the past financial year as well as giving the financial position at the year end.

Achievements

Focus & Development There have been several key focus areas and developments over the 2024/2025 year; namely:

- Attendance has grown by a further 18%, with regular Sunday attenders now around 300 people. - including 115 children & young people
- We have 15 Life Mission Groups 'A Family within the family' across the central Borders.
- We have launched an additional worship gathering at Newtown St Boswells in summer 2024 and is now well-established with over 45 regular attenders and links to our wider community work.

- We have created regular Team Leader events to help train and nurture our volunteers' running teams or groups with 45 participants.
- Youth ministry has been an important area engaging over 50 regular attenders. Our young people have also participated in helping to run holiday clubs locally - helping around 30 children and allowing 10 young people to train as volunteer children helpers.
- We have grown the staff team to include a part time Worship Co-ordinator- helping volunteers be coached in musical talent. This role also includes Tech, and we have trained 10 people in sound or visuals skills.
- We have invested in on-line content, developing a progressive web app. Online visits circa 5,900 over the year.
- Community work continues to be an expanded ministry with several significant subgroups;
 - *Thrive - parents & babies- has provided a safe play space for 80 babies & toddlers and created a welcoming community for 100 parents & carers.
 - *Community Money Advice (CMA) debt service has supported 10 individuals and families struggling with financial debt help or requiring debt advice.
 - *Galashiels Community Drop in service has had 70 attenders and 20 regular weekly guests.
 - *Green Hope - Newtown St Boswells Community Drop in -has had over 30 regular guests.
 - *Green Hope Allotment Gardening has seen 15 -20 people enjoy outdoor space & community.
 - *Little Green Wardrobe - Child clothing up cycling centre - has helped 150 families.

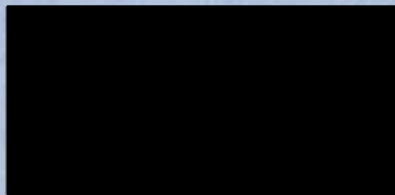
Challenges

The church continues to face a variety of challenges. These include

- Capacity restraints with venue limitations
- Post-covid reduction in volunteers in some ministries

Hope Central

Hope Central continues to serve as our centre of operations and has been well-used for our town centre gatherings and community projects. The community drop-in facility and Thrive, our parent and baby project, have both seen an increase in attendance.



Statement of Financial Activities

Hope Church Borders

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Account	Restricted Funds	General Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Income				
Gift Aid	0	38,504	38,504	21,793
Interest Income	0	1,660	1,660	1,029
Specified Giving	14,070	7,054	21,123	16,361
Other Income	0	2,623	2,623	3,594
General Giving	0	178,577	178,577	135,612
Rental Income	0	713	713	1,132
Legacies	0	63,741	63,741	0
Total Income	14,070	292,872	306,941	178,721
Expenditure				
Staff & Volunteers				
Salaries	0	133,050	133,050	116,118
Employer's National Insurance	0	6,283	6,283	4,790
Pensions Costs	0	5,638	5,638	5,220
Staff Cost Allocations	7,500	(7,500)	0	0
Direct Ministry	7,500	137,471	144,971	128,127
Community Compassions	50	385	435	0
Global Giving	3,061	5,460	8,541	16,403
Pastoral Compassion	0	1,054	1,054	0
Equipment	1,325	1,251	2,576	3,699
Events	25	2,420	2,445	3,368
Hospitality & Catering	200	6,041	6,241	5,452
Publicity	444	689	1,133	544
Resources	86	1,204	1,290	1,196
Subscriptions	1,480	2,826	4,306	1,690
Training & Equipping	0	939	939	923
Travel	0	5,180	5,180	7,461
Total Direct Ministry	6,691	27,448	34,140	40,736
Support				
Audit & Accountancy Costs	0	1,112	1,112	927
Bank Charges	0	258	258	352
Furnishings	225	193	418	282
Insurance	496	2,574	3,070	2,763
IT Costs	0	1,299	1,299	1,295
Professional Fees	0	0	0	1,857
Rent	0	19,200	19,200	20,200
Rates	0	1,082	1,082	1,068
Renovation & Refurbishment	0	0	0	0
Repairs & Maintenance	0	1,141	1,141	1,955
Stationery	0	454	454	394
Supplies	4	519	523	944
Communication, Telephone & Internet	0	1,099	1,099	1,285
Utilities	0	3,266	3,266	6,440
Venue Hire	920	44	964	0
Total Support	1,645	32,240	33,885	39,702
Total Expenditure	15,836	197,160	212,996	208,566
Surplus / deficit	(1,767)	95,712	93,945	(29,845)

Balance Sheet
 Hope Church Borders
 As at 31 March 2025

Account	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
PayPal	0	209
Santander Current	10,180.06	3,452
Santander Savings	172,815.26	83,269
Square Balance	0	16
Total Cash at bank and in hand	182,995	86,945
Accounts Receivable	0	555
Prepayments	95	
Sale Items - Mama Vao Vao	91	141
Total Current Assets	183,180	87,641
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accounts Payable	156	0
Accruals	60	913
Barclaycard	2,350	1,209
Payable - Pensions	772	732
PAYE & NIC Payable	2,871	2,694
Recoverable Costs - Youth Events	1,148	263
Suspense	(3)	(49)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within	7,354	5,762
Net Current Assets	175,826	81,879
Unrestricted Funds		
Outreach Resources	65	65
HELPS	7,525	7,500
General Funds	159,191	63,504
Unrestricted Funds	166,781	71,069
Restricted Funds		
CMA Debt Support	146	1,401
Compassion International	338	170
Poland Youth Mission	25	
Ratcliffes Paraguay	0	0
Green Hope / Newtown Outreach	8,535	9,239
Restricted Funds	9,045	10,810
Total Funds	175,826	81,879

Hope Church Borden
Funds Statement
Year to 31 March 2025

	Balance @ 31 March 2024	Received	Paid out	Transferred	Balance @ 31 March 2025	Notes
Restricted Funds						
Compassion	170	971	(802)		339	Compassion Youth & Kids Combined
Paraguay	0	2,279	(2,279)		0	Funds donated and disbursed
Poland Youth Mission	0	25	0		25	Donations for July 2025 Trip
CMA Debt Collection	1,401	8,220	(9,475)		1,46	Activity through SOFA during year & adjusted for year end balances
Green Hope / Newtown Outreach*	9,238	2,575	(9,278)		8,535	Activity through SOFA during year & adjusted for year end balances
Total Restricted Funds	10,810	14,070	(15,834)	0	9,045	
Designated (DF) & General Funds						
DF-HELPS	7,500	25			7,525	Funds set aside out of General Funds by Trustees to assist people in need.
DF - Outreach Resources Fund	65	0	0		65	Activity through SOFA during year & adjusted for year end balances
General Funds	63,504	292,847	(157,160)		159,191	
Total General & Designated	71,069	292,872	(157,160)	0	156,781	
Total Funds	81,879	306,942	(173,094)	0	175,826	

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	HOPE CHURCH BORDERS					
	Registered charity number	SC044574					
	On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date Day Month Year 01 04 24			Period end date Day Month Year 31 03 25		
Set out on pages	1 TO 5			(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)			
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</p>						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.</p>						
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Signed:				Date:	18/11/25		
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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