

Bay of Hope
Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025



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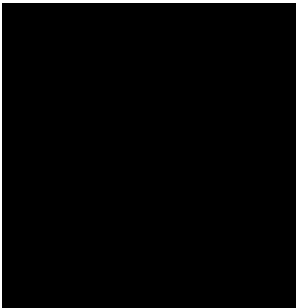
Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name Bay of Hope

Charity Number SC051545


Principal Address 112 Bay Street
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Trustees



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Treasurer
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Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their Report and Accounts For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Bay of Hope is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) dedicated to uplifting vulnerable individuals in rural communities across central and eastern Uganda. Bay of Hope was established as a charity on 26th January 2022, working closely with their Ugandan sister organisation, Bay of Hope International Ltd since then, to deliver life-changing support through community-rooted interventions. This year marks their fifth year of committed service, guided by its constitution and being underseen by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Leadership

As we celebrate the 2024/25 year of impactful work, Bay of Hope continues to be actively led by a dedicated Board of Trustees. Our leadership team brings passion, strategic insight, and cultural understanding to every initiative, ensuring effective governance and strong accountability across all areas of operation.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The organisation's purposes are:

- a) The relief of poverty by supporting children and their families in rural Uganda including the payment of school fees and the buying of school uniforms.
- b) The advancement of education including the management of a child sponsorship programme in rural Uganda. This will enable children from disadvantaged communities to receive a formal education.
- c) The advancement of health by providing humanitarian support, including the provision of medication and food parcels to those in need in rural Uganda.
- d) To deliver the above humanitarian support through a connected organisation, Bay of Hope International Ltd, based in Uganda.

Significant Activities

Bay of Hope was able to deliver the above humanitarian work by raising funds in Scotland and remitting these to its sister charity in Uganda, Bay of Hope International Ltd who delivered these support services through a loyal team of staff and volunteers. This work is described below.

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Charitable Activities

Child Sponsorship Programme

Over the past year:

- A team of four trustees from Bay of Hope (Scotland) undertook a meaningful visit to our sister charity, Bay of Hope International in Uganda, between 09/08/24 to 15/08/24 to witness the official **opening of Kirstie's Cottage**—our first dedicated residential home for vulnerable young people.
- Kirstie's Cottage now provides safe housing for **six children and young people** who have experienced abuse, abandonment, or other forms of hardship. This milestone represents a major step forward in our mission to offer protection, stability, and hope to those most in need.
- The visit was a resounding success, offering trustees firsthand insight into the **transformative impact** of our work. It strengthened cross-border collaboration, deepened our understanding of local challenges, and reaffirmed our commitment to expanding compassionate care through sustainable, community-rooted solutions.
- We've seen **notable improvements in academic outcomes** among our sponsored students, driven by **consistent access to quality education** and stable learning environments.
- **Two students are preparing to enter high school**, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey and personal development.
- Currently, 45 students are supported through our sponsorship programme, receiving the tools and encouragement they need to thrive.
- To make sponsorship more accessible, we're actively promoting £5 monthly donations, enabling more individuals to contribute meaningfully to a child's future.
- We're encouraged by a growing number of sponsors stepping forward to support our young people—proof that collective action can transform lives.

Orphanage & Child Protection Work

- **5 vulnerable young people** were rescued from abuse, abandonment, or ritual harm.
- **4 abandoned children** were safely reunited with their families in Uganda.
- Those still in our care reside in a **safe house**, managed by compassionate and trained volunteer caregivers.

Family Empowerment & Community Development

- We believe education is a **catalyst for household transformation**—when one family member is empowered, the entire family benefits.
- Our model champions **family-led sustainability** by enhancing access to education and opportunities.

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Health and Livelihood Interventions

In pursuit of holistic support, Bay of Hope has:

- Provided **essential medication and food aid** to families in crisis.
- Bay of Hope responded to a deeply distressing situation involving a **vulnerable young lady** found in an abandoned house beside the deceased body of her brother, who had tragically starved to death. The siblings had been left without care or resources, and the young woman was in a state of extreme physical and emotional distress.

Upon discovery, our team acted swiftly to:

- **Rescue and stabilize** the young woman, providing urgent medical attention and emotional support.
- **Coordinate with local authorities** to ensure the scene was handled with sensitivity and legal oversight.
- **Offer trauma-informed care**, including psychological counselling and safe shelter.
- **Begin long-term rehabilitation planning**, focused on restoring her health, dignity, and future prospects.

This intervention not only **saved a life**, but also highlighted the devastating consequences of neglect and abandonment. It reaffirmed our mission to:

- Be a **lifeline for the most vulnerable**, especially those hidden from view.
- Advocate for **community vigilance** and stronger child protection systems.
- Ensure that **no one is left behind**, regardless of how dire or invisible their circumstances may be.

Safe Housing Development

A major milestone this year was the successful completion of a **secure cottage**, now home to 6 young people in our care:

- A **perimeter wall** was constructed to enhance safety and privacy.
- A **gate was installed**, making the home fully secure and operational for residents.

Future Plans

With the foundation firmly in place, Bay of Hope is now turning toward **sustainability and growth**:

Cottage Sustainability Project

We plan to establish a small chicken farm and kitchen garden within the cottage compound, which will:

- Provide fresh eggs and produce to feed the residents.
- Generate a modest income stream to help cover ongoing costs.

Our goal is to model **self-sufficiency** and create sustainable livelihoods that support long-term care and development.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding vulnerable individuals, Bay of Hope is undertaking a strategic expansion of its residential support facilities. We plan to build **four additional cottages** on land owned by the organisation in Uganda. These cottages will provide safe, stable housing for individuals—particularly children and young people—who are in **immediate danger** due to abuse, abandonment, or other forms of exploitation.

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This expansion will:

- **Increase capacity** to accommodate more at-risk individuals in a secure and nurturing environment.
- **Provide trauma-informed care** through dedicated staff and volunteers trained in child protection and psychosocial support.
- **Enable family reunification efforts** by offering temporary shelter while long-term solutions are pursued.
- **Strengthen community resilience** by ensuring that vulnerable members are protected and supported within their local context.

The cottages will be modest, durable, and designed to meet the basic needs of residents while fostering a sense of dignity and belonging. This initiative aligns with Bay of Hope's ethos of **keeping children within their communities** and promoting **family-based care** wherever possible.

We aim to collaborate with local builders, community leaders, and partner organisations to ensure the project is both cost-effective and culturally appropriate. Long-term sustainability will be supported through ongoing fundraising, sponsorship, and community engagement.

As Bay of Hope celebrate another year of meaningful impact, we remain deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, and partners. Your support empowers our mission to build safer, healthier, and more resilient communities in Uganda.

Together, we are not just changing lives—we are building hope.

Financial Review

The income for the year ended 31 March 2025 derived from gifts, donations and fundraising totalled £12,290 (2024: £8,960). A total of £12,490 (2024: £12,621) was spent during the year and after paying the bank fees and independent examination fee; the balance was remitted to Uganda leaving a net deficit of £200 (2024: deficit of £3,661). This deficit was absorbed by bank funds on hand at the beginning of the financial year.

The unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2025 were £1,973 (2024: £2,173)

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold reserves equivalent to three months running costs, based on the year ended 31 March 2025, this equates to £3,123. The balance of unrestricted reserves on 31st March 2025 stood at £1,973 (2024: £2,173), therefore the Trustees are working to increase the free reserves of the charity.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Date: 19/9/25

Date:

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of	Bay of Hope
Registered charity number	SC051545
Accounts of the charity for the period	1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025
Set out on pages	9 - 12

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

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. 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement:

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement:

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to:
- keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date:

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Receipts and Payments Account

		<i>Total Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
Receipts	<i>Notes</i>		
Donations	3	7,005	4,118
Other Income	4	5,285	4,842
		<u>12,290</u>	<u>8,960</u>
Payments			
Charitable Activities Costs	5	11,770	12,120
Support Costs	6	720	501
		<u>12,490</u>	<u>12,621</u>
Net Receipts/-Payments		<u>(£200)</u>	<u>(3,661)</u>
<i>Funds Brought Forward</i>		2,173	5,834
Funds Carried Forward		<u>£1,973</u>	<u>£2,173</u>

The notes on pages 11-12 form an integral part of these accounts.

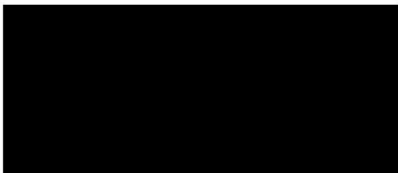
All income and expenditure in the year arose in unrestricted funds.

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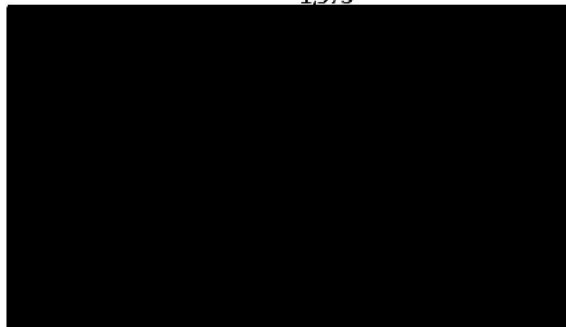
Statement of Balances

	<i>Total Funds £</i>	<i>2024 Total £</i>
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	2,173	5,834
<i>Surplus/-Deficit for the year</i>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>(3,661)</u>
Closing Cash and Bank Balances	1,973	2,173

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Date: 19/9/25



Date:



Notes to the Accounts

1. General Information

Bay of Hope ("the charity") is a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation and governed by its constitution dated 26th January 2022. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number SC051545) on 26th January 2022. It's registered address is 112 Bay Street, Port Glasgow, PA14 5BN.

2. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

3. Donations

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Individuals	6,990	-	6,990	4,118
Companies	15	-	15	-
	<u>7,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,005</u>	<u>4,118</u>

4. Other Income

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Fundraising in Scotland	4,470	-	4,470	4,420
Gift Aid Claim (HMRC)	815	-	815	422
	<u>5,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,285</u>	<u>4,842</u>

5. Charitable Activities Costs

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Payment to Bay of Hope International in Uganda to fund charitable activities	<u>11,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,770</u>	<u>12,120</u>

6. Support Costs

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Bank Charges	120	-	120	201
Independent Examination Fee	600	-	600	300
	<u>720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>501</u>

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7. Related Party Transactions

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses during the year.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

8. Funds Analysis	<i>Opening Balance 1 April 24</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Closing Balance 31 March 25</i>
Unrestricted					
General	2,173	12,290	12,490	-	1,973