

# The Hope Chest Community Support Project

Scotland · Charity number SC051693

## Details

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Known as	The Hope Chest
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2022-04-19
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address 10 Vetriciano Vale  
Leven  
KY8 4GD

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

**What the charity does:** We are a project which receives donations of furniture, household goods, clothing and bric a brac, and we provide these on a referral basis to people in need in our community. To help with the running costs of the charity we also sell items in our showroom and this aids the running of the van. this is an essential part of the running of the project. Donations have increased year on year which allows us to support over 120 families per year in our community with referrals, and everything else is sold at very low prices to help the people on low incomes in our community.

**Beneficiaries:** 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** The organisation's main purposes are: 4.1 the relief of poverty of those in need because of unemployment, low income or other reasons, by the provision of free or low-cost goods such as food, furniture, or clothing. 4.2 the advancement of environmental protection or improvement that promotes the reduction of pollution and waste by reusing donated furniture or clothing.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Fife
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£0	£0	-	0
2024-12-31	£50,010	£32,423	-	0
2023-12-31	£45,382	£37,471	-	0
2022-12-31	£31,773	£12,283	-	0

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# Accounts

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# The Hope Chest Community Project



Annual Accounts to December 2024

SC051693

Hope Chest Community Project  
Based at Wellesley Parish Church Old Hall  
Wellesley Road, Methil, Fife, KY8 3PE

# Annual Report 2024

The Hope Chest Community Project operates in the old Church Hall at Wellesley Parish Church. Our aims are:

- The relief of poverty of those in need because of unemployment, low income, or other reasons, by the provision of free or low cost goods, such as furniture, household goods, clothing and bric a brac.
- The relief of poverty of those in need by the provision of Starter Packs for cleaning, setting up a home, and adjusting to life in a tenancy by provision of basic essentials including food.
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement that promotes the reduction of pollution or wastage by reusing donated furniture, household goods and clothing.

The Hope Chest Community Project achieves this through:

- Being open to the public five days per week – Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm
- Operating a referral system with partner agencies in the area which provides furniture and household goods free of charge to people in need
- Accepting donations from the area to ensure our shelves are fully stocked and we are able to meet referral requests
- Operating a van which collects donations and delivers referral items and purchases
- Recruiting volunteers to staff the showroom, referral system and operate the van
- Maintaining a social media presence for advertising the work we do

2024 has seen our project grow substantially, particularly in terms of the amount of referrals received, and also in terms of how busy the showroom is. The donations we receive have also increased substantially as we have become better known in the local area and requests to collect donations happen almost daily.

The team has grown too, with over 35 volunteers for the van and the showroom being involved regularly, and Manager [REDACTED], and Deputy Manager [REDACTED] [REDACTED] lead the day to day operation, with [REDACTED] dealing with the referrals. Well over 120 families have been helped by referrals this year, and many more through the low prices offered in our showroom.

The Trustees have met regularly throughout the year, and have reviewed all our policies, and insurance liabilities. We have public liability insurance, employee liability insurance and comprehensive van insurance to safeguard the operation of our service.

Due to the income we are generating, we have been able to purchase white goods required for referrals, delivering washing machines and tumble dryers where required, as well as purchasing new beds. The van purchased last year has proved to be an excellent resource for us to use in the operation of the project.

The AGM was held in May and all the officebearers stood down as per our Constitution. The Trustees remain [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was nominated as a Trustee and has agreed to serve. We will continue to offer necessary training for all volunteers and to review all aspects of the project on a regular basis.

[REDACTED]  
Chair of the Trustees 2024-2025

21.04.2025

## Hope Chest Community Project - SCO51693

### Accounts for year ending 31 December 2024

	2023	
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Gross trading receipts	49,070	42,197
Donations	930	1,450
Sale of Van	0	1,400
Other income	0	75
Bank Interest	10	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>50,010</b>	<b>45,122</b>
<b>Payments</b>	£	£
Property & Equipment	12,068	7,969
Utility Costs	7,617	0
Transport Costs	3,975	4,359
Purchase of Van	0	23,674
Donations	6,038	0
IT Costs	422	0
Protective Workwear	237	22
Consumables	473	525
Gifts & Lunches	807	510
Other Costs	786	413
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>32,423</b>	<b>37,472</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit (-) for the year</b>	<b>17,587</b>	<b>7,650</b>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>	<b>27,401</b>	
<b>Funds at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>44,988</b>	

<b>Statement of Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	£	£
Cash in Bank - Current Account	24,978	27,401
Cash in Bank - Deposit Account	20,010	0
<b>Cash Funds as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>44,988</b>	<b>27,401</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	<b>At Cost</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
	£	£
Vehicle - Ford Transit 350L3 Van	<b>23,674</b>	<b>19,413</b>

## Hope Chest Community Project - SCO51693

### Analysis of Payments 2024

		2023
	£	£
<b>Property &amp; Equipment Costs</b>		
Rent	4,700.00	4,200.00
Purchase of Goods & Equip	2,877.99	1,877.28
CCTV System	1,891.00	0.00
Fife Council Bins/Cleaning	1,220.83	376.00
Property Insurance	669.20	716.28
Fixtures & Fittings	601.55	15.50
PAT Electrical Testing	107.40	763.60
Miscellaneous	0.00	20.00
	<b>12,067.97</b>	<b>7,968.66</b>
<b>Utility Costs</b>		
Contribution to Wellesley Church	5,000.00	0.00
Gas costs	1,321.95	0.00
Electricity costs	1,294.46	0.00
	<b>7,616.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Transport Costs</b>		
Van Insurance	1,459.22	781.93
Skip Hire & Container Clearance	1,160.00	373.00
Fuel	580.05	597.27
Van repairs, MOT & servicing	367.33	1,576.54
Road Tax	335.00	0.00
Bus Fares for Volunteers	73.70	0.00
Purchase of Van	0.00	23,674.00
Van Hire	0.00	1,030.00
	<b>3,975.30</b>	<b>28,032.74</b>
<b>Donations</b>		
Wellesley Church	5,000.00	0.00
Levenmouth Foodbank	500.00	0.00
Aberhill Xmas Appeal	300.00	0.00
Toys for Xmas Charity	170.00	0.00
Poppy Scotland	68.00	0.00
	<b>6,038.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Hope Chest Community Project - SCO51693 Analysis of Payments 2024 - Continued

<b>IT Costs</b>		
Laptop & Dongle	295.99	0.00
Internet charges	69.12	0.00
Mobile data	57.00	0.00
	<b>422.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Protective Clothing</b>	<b>236.50</b>	<b>22.20</b>
<b>Consumables</b>	<b>473.33</b>	<b>524.89</b>
<b>Gifts &amp; Lunches</b>		
Catering	349.20	510.00
Gifts	297.64	0.00
Flowers	160.00	0.00
	<b>806.84</b>	<b>510.00</b>
<b>Other Costs</b>		
Customer Refunds	285.00	160.00
CCLI Licence	259.24	0.00
Auditor Gift	100.00	0.00
David Baum Helping Hand	57.00	0.00
Products for Resale	55.00	0.00
Meeting Costs	30.00	0.00
Church of Scotland	0.00	150.00
Legal Costs	0.00	60.00
Stationery	0.00	43.33
	<b>786.24</b>	<b>413.33</b>
	<b>32,422.70</b>	<b>37,471.82</b>

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Hope Chest Community Project Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on page 4

## 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. My 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 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.

## Independent examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached:

In concluding I am satisfied that the accounting records presented to me are complete and that the accounts for year ending 31 December 2024 agree to these.

Name: [REDACTED]

Professional Qualification: Chartered Management Accountant CGMA ACMA

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 25 March 2024

Signed:

[REDACTED]