HOPE'S PLACE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 AUGUST 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report and financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Objectives

The main objectives of Hope's Place are the advancement of education and the promotion of the health of young people. Specifically, through our courses in schools, we aim to address the issues faced by children and young people and to help them develop resilience, overcome challenges and make positive life choices.

Our work

From its origins as a charity offering help around unwanted pregnancy, Hope's Place has moved into its current role offering courses to young people struggling with challenges and failing to engage fully with school and/or society or simply not fulfilling their potential. Increasingly, abuse, neglect, exploitation (sexual and criminal) and toxic masculinity are impacting upon the young people's lives as detailed below.

Our facilitators work with gender-specific groups of 6-10 young people who have been identified as particularly vulnerable. The *ID* course, designed to support girls, runs for ten weeks and attendance is voluntary. Course content includes topics such as self-image, recognising you, managing emotions, friendships, healthy relationships, making decisions and peer pressure.

Facilitators use a variety of strategies to engage the young people (aged 10-18 years). The young people supported often display a lack of engagement in school. They often have poor self-esteem, make poor life decisions and have limited aspirations. The young people, who attend voluntarily, are initially identified by their school as those failing to reach their potential due to low confidence, emotional problems, social withdrawal, relationship difficulties and/or challenging behaviour. The failure arises from a mix of adverse circumstances such as family disruption, abuse and/or neglect, exploitation, ill health, parental ill health, substance misuse and bullying. Hope's Place offers courses to schools throughout Bristol, South Gloucestershire and, occasionally, Bath and North East Somerset.

Evaluation data collected suggests that the girls' *ID* course has been very successful over many years. The boys' course, whilst still having a positive impact, has not been as successful. With this in mind, in June 2024, we undertook a wholesale review of the course and its delivery. This included conversations with organisations taking a variety of approaches to the support of young boys. We suspended delivery of boys' courses whilst we undertook the review. The male facilitator had resigned, having secured full-time employment, so it seemed an ideal opportunity to reassess the effectiveness of the course and explore fresh approaches. Having identified and interviewed a new

boys' group facilitator, with a wealth of experience of supporting boys, he was able to advise us on different approaches. He began redesigning the boys' course in September 2025 and has just delivered his first two *Futures* courses for Hope's Place.

Our charity continues to offer the popular *Aspire* course which comprises whole-class workshops supporting children in their final year of primary school to make the move to secondary school feeling well-informed, confident and enthusiastic.

The appointment of a Senior Facilitator has improved communication with schools and between facilitators and facilitators and trustees.
The Senior Facilitator has to date:

- Rewritten and improved the documents sent to schools e.g. details of the courses, guidance for selecting the young attendees, our requirements and expectations of the school, communication and safeguarding arrangements.
- Maintained and improved communication with schools which has helped enhance our reputation and has increased demand for our courses.
- Improved the course evaluations undertaken by the young people, to make them user-friendly and to provide better data for analysis.
- Introduced a template for facilitators to provide feedback to school staff at the end of the courses and inviting school staff feedback.
- Introduced a template for facilitators to provide feedback to trustees at the end of each course.
- Reviewed and enhanced the courses to improve their effectiveness and to better meet the needs of the young people.
- Delivered courses in schools and taken the lead in promoting our relatively new primary school courses.
- Introduced and chaired regular facilitator meetings to discuss the course content, individual young people and the effectiveness of the courses, as well as sharing experiences, ideas and strategies.
- Acted as another channel of communication between facilitators and trustees.
- Produced agendas and minutes of the regular Education Meetings of facilitators and trustees.
- Produced promotional materials to be sent to schools.
- Taken a significant role in the appointment of two facilitators.
- Worked closely with newly appointed facilitators who attended her sessions as part of their induction and then delivered sessions jointly with her.
- Spent considerable time with new facilitators to ensure they were fully aware of all aspects of our courses and resources and acted as a mentor once the new facilitators were delivering courses independently.
- Helped provide a wealth of information to our two newly appointed trustees.
- Played a significant role in liaison with Bristol City Council's Safer Options' team who support young people deemed to be at risk of abuse, particularly sexual and criminal exploitation.

- Safer Options members observed the Senior Facilitator delivering course sessions and have subsequently approached Hope's Place with a view to our facilitators leading courses in primary schools. They have also booked 18 of our ten-week courses for next academic year 2025-26.
- Taken part in a review of the Senior Facilitator role with two trustees.
- Played a significant role in enhancing and expanding our offering. We feel we are on track to deliver more courses and meet our target of supporting 500-700 young people over the three years of the grant.

We have learned the crucial importance and value of close communication with an individual in each school. This allows a professional relationship and trust to develop. The Senior Facilitator has played a key role in improving this aspect of our relationship with schools. The result has been more schools requesting multiple courses.

The importance of having a member of the team who enhances liaison between trustees and facilitators has become evident. Facilitators face challenging situations in many sessions and are party to revelations that many of us finding shocking. This demands considerable emotional resilience and can be a source of stress. Having an experienced and very able Senior Facilitator who meets regularly with other facilitators has provided an avenue for talking about the stresses of running sessions and sharing concerns and frustrations. This has been invaluable.

Trustees are now better informed of the welfare and concerns of facilitators as the Senior Facilitator communicates regularly with trustees and is involved in many of the discussions of trustees, including interviews and appointment of staff. The insight and hands-on experience of the Senior Facilitator has been invaluable.

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

Achievements and performance

In the 2024-25 academic year, there continued to be considerable demand for courses. As we did not run the boys' course, the number of students supported and courses run were slightly less than in previous years. Such was the severity of the challenges encountered by the young people attending girls' courses, in many instances, we reduced the maximum number of attendees to six rather than ten. Facilitators felt strongly that this was in the best interests of the young people they were supporting.

We ran 25 courses in total, 21 girls' *ID* courses and 4 *Aspire* courses. 138 children and young people attended our ten-week *ID* courses. 120 children attended our *Aspire* course. A total of 258

children and young people attended courses in the 2024-25 academic year, 24 between September and December 2024, 58 between January and March 2025 and 176 between April and July 2025.

During the last few years, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of children/young people requiring support and a change in the challenges they face. The facilitators report that the young people they support are increasingly exposed to adult themes and sexualised language and behaviours. Many are engaging in sexual activity from a younger age and the pressure to have an intimate sexual partner in the early teenage years and younger is increasingly considered 'normal.' Existing unaddressed trauma or other emotional/attachment needs, social media and pornography are some of the factors contributing to this shift in behaviours and attitudes.

Sexual abuse of children by children is increasing in schools. The National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) report on police reported child sexual abuse and exploitation states that in 2023, 52% of perpetrators of child sexual abuse were aged 10-17 years old; 17% of these cases were rape and 41% the sharing of indecent images of a child. Facilitators at Hope's Place now see that the requesting and exchanging of explicit photos is considered to be an 'expected' stage of many young people's partner relationships. 92% of girls in schools report that sexual harassment happens to them either sometimes or a lot (*Ofsted Review into Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges, 2021)* and many of the girls attending courses consider being called sexually derogatory names or receiving sexual threats as a normal part of school life.

Social media has exacerbated young people's desire for validation and, in many cases, has had a negative impact on their self-worth, anxiety levels and wellbeing. Facilitators report an increased focus on body image, more misogynistic behaviour (reported by our previous boys' group facilitator as well as the girls' group facilitators) and teacher-student dissonance caused by blanket behaviour systems at odds with the individual needs of the vulnerable young people.

In 2025, it was reported that 21.2% of children are persistently absent from school (missing more than 10%). Children with SEND and those who are vulnerable or from minority groups are more likely to be absent. 2% of children are not attending school 50% of the time; this has nearly tripled since the pandemic (0.7%). Reasons given by students that we support include anxiety, often the result of bullying or a breakdown of relationships with staff, lack of parental/carer support/interest and inadequate support for learning disabilities.

Hope's Place see some children who use alcohol and drugs (such as nicotine, cannabis or nitrous oxide or ketamine) as coping mechanisms in the absence of appropriate support systems; they use substances to escape their feelings of sadness, anxiety or loneliness.

We see that where unhealthy relationships are present in the home e.g. domestic abuse, children and young people have a reduced understanding of what makes a healthy relationship, and few

aspirations/expectations for their own relationships. Moreover, some young people's low self-esteem informs them that they are also undeserving of healthy and happy partnerships.

Some of the children we support are grieving the loss of a loved one. Such a loss can have a profound effect on a child's behaviour and academic performance as can the responsibilities of being a carer for a parent or sibling.

Since 2022, we have been supporting Bristol City Council's Safer Connections (previously Safer Options) team by delivering courses for girls, some of whom are being abused or at risk of abuse, including child sexual exploitation.

The increasing seriousness and complexity of the needs of those we support has prompted Hope's Place to look at how we might better support young people, perhaps with ongoing drop-in sessions and/or follow-up sessions after the ten-week course has been completed.

We continue to explore the possibility of collaboration with other charities, with a similar focus on young people and are delighted that our new boys' course facilitator is intending to incorporate visits of young men who recognise the impact of the bad decisions they made when young but have now managed to turn their lives around.

We have been running a primary course called Aspire for the last four years. The course focuses upon transition to secondary school and the many anxieties Year Six children have prior to going to secondary school. It has proved very popular with children and teaching staff.

Feedback from the young people attending our courses has been encouraging. Comments include:
"I enjoyed learning how to control emotions."
"It helped understanding other people and their feelings."
"It was good that we got to talk about our feelings."
"I found it very useful because I could be myself."
"I found it easier to talk about my problems in front of this group. Also finding that other people relate to me."
"I got more confident going to this group and I can finally talk about things."
"I learned the signs of healthy/unhealthy relationships which was really helpful, and I learnt that people are struggling with all different worries and my struggles are valid."

- Staff are asked to complete a form detailing the impact of courses: e.g.:

"We have seen a shift and a direct impact on our pupils who have attended the sessions." Assistant Head - Pastoral Care at a Bristol secondary school
"Hope's Place provides a bespoke service for the collective needs of our students. [The Facilitator] has incredible pastoral skills and knows how to meet our students in the midst of adversity. One of our

students has demonstrated tremendous growth by opening up to staff and discussing mental health issues thanks to the work of the Hope's Place girls' group. Another student shared that she has a better bond with her peers and feels more settled in her year group. In addition, we have seen an improvement in attendance since the sessions stated."
Senior Manager at a Bristol Academy

Evidence of Need

There is a wealth of evidence indicating that a considerable number of young people in Bristol face challenges in relation to mental wellbeing and/or life satisfaction. According to *Thrive Bristol,* an organisation aiming to improve mental health and wellbeing within the city by working with schools and community organisations, 12.8% of children (5-18 years) in Bristol are estimated to have a mental health problem at any one time. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Bristol (2024/25) reports that young people in Bristol have lower life satisfaction than the national average. According to Bristol World, in the 12 months to May 2025, 7,505 children and young people had at least one contact with mental health services and 2,385 were waiting to be seen.

The JSNA profile indicates that self-harm admission rates for young people in Bristol have risen in recent years and are "significantly higher than the national average."

The Office for National Statistics reported lower life satisfaction, lower "worthwhile" ratings and higher anxiety compared to the England average.

Deprivation is a major factor contributing to poor mental wellbeing in young people. JSNA states that 28% of those living in deprived areas report poor mental wellbeing. Young people who are or have been in the care system were found to be particularly vulnerable; the University of Bristol found 50% of 16–17 year olds acquainted with the system rated their wellbeing as poor.

Some key concerns of young people in Bristol have been explained in the previous section. There are also concerns around safety and security; A *Bristol World* survey found knife crime is "the leading issue" for young people in the city. *Bristol Safer Options Approach 2020-2030* states "Bristol has experienced in Serious Youth Violence offences ... incidents of knife crime, actual bodily harm, grievous bodily harm and gun crime." The report also highlights the negative impact of this on young people's mental wellbeing, school engagement and learning.

Young Bristol has also identified young people's concerns about future employment prospects, financial security and their perceived inability to influence decisions. These, combined with concerns about international conflicts and the environment, explain why many young people view their future as bleak.

Nationally, *The Good Childhood Report 2025*, an evidence-based report, identified a growing gap between young people's expectations and their lived realities. This was viewed as the result of a variety of factors including:

- Pressure to achieve at school
- The impact of the digital world and social media
- A sense of reduction in the options and opportunities for children and young people to make change in their own lives and in wider society.

Professionals felt these factors contributed to a worrying lack of hope for the future that they saw in many of the children and young people they worked with.

The children and young people Hope's Place supports are identified by the schools as those experiencing many of the challenges outlined in this report which are severely hampering their ability to engage with school and realise their potential.

Funding

Our income comes primarily from awards by grant making bodies. Few applications were made during the prior year but activity resumed this year. 23 applications were made of which 5 were successful. We are particularly grateful to awards from the Singer Foundation and the Nisbet Trust, the latter awarding us a 3-year grant.

Trustees themselves have historically made the applications. Late in the year, trustees decided to 'share the load' and an external party was appointed to make additional applications.

We are also grateful to a number of individuals who continue to make private donations each month.

Financials

The aforementioned resumption of grant applications was the prime reason for the reported increase in our income from £8,654 (prior year) to £41,072. Income from charitable activities represent our charges primarily to Bristol City Council ('Safer Connections') which continues to be at a heavily subsidised rate.

Year-on-year spend remains much as prior year, all of which is considered as 'routine spend'. Around 80% of this continues as the direct costs of running our courses, the balance as overheads. We have no office costs. The considerable time and support offered by trustees (e.g. managing our facilitators) continues to be voluntary.

In year ended 2025 we made a surplus of income over expenditure of £8,628 (2024: net deficit of £24,697). Other than this, there are no other significant changes between our opening and closing balance sheet values.

Trustees

Two new trustees were appointed early in the year, the first such appointments for almost 10 years. Both have significant experience and knowledge relevant to the charity, to include charity administration and working with boys in their early teens. The latter addressed one of the risks identified in our prior report, the need to recruit a boys' facilitator.

Eight trustee meetings were held during the year, each with a formal agenda, reports around finance and fund-raising supplemented by minutes. Specific agenda items included:

- The review and approval of HR documents such as the employee's contract
- How best to evaluate the effectiveness of our courses including the creation of a dashboard.
- Review and approval of policies, to include our annual review of Safeguarding and Child Protection plus once-every-three-year reviews of Health & Safety, and of Complaints. At year-end, 14 policies were in place.
- The recruitment of a third facilitator
- Updates to our website
- Risk management
- How the charity makes best use of AI.

Outside these meetings, trustees are in regular contact with each other and with our facilitators both to manage and monitor the progress of our work and also to identify and manage any new issues and concerns.

Risk Assessment

During the year, trustees started to build a risk matrix identifying for each identified risk the probability, likely impact and the mitigation. This work was completed and the matrix formally approved shortly after year-end.

The key risks identified were funding, the reliance on one bank signatory (now two signatories operate) and the recruitment of suitably qualified facilitators, particularly for our boys' courses.

Reserves Policy

This continues to be defined as to maintain free reserves to cover, at least, the projected next six months of expenditure. Unrestricted reserves of £19,932 at the start of 2025/26 were above the projected spend of £12,749 (or else half of the year's budget spend).

The year ahead

At year-end, Hope's Place has a strong team of facilitators, of trustees plus the requisite knowledge and experience to continue to fulfil its objectives.

Governing Document

Hope's Place was incorporated in May 2004 as a company limited by guarantee and registered with the Charity Commission in July 2004. The charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. This document is being professionally reviewed with the intent that Trustees will formally approve an updated version that is accepted by the Charity Commission during year 2026.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New trustees invited to join the board are selected on the basis of their experience and skills. A role profile has been written for potential new trustees which includes the need for DBS certification. The induction process includes an invitation to attend a board meeting, the provision of the appropriate governing documents for review and discussions with existing board members. The personal networks of existing trustees have in the recent past proved adequate in identifying potential new trustees although other sources would also be considered if required.

Organisation

Hope's Place has, at August 2025, five trustees, all active. The board which administers the charity formally met on eight occasions during the year to 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Hope's Place for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 26th May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Robin Williams

Robin Williams (Chair)

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Reference and Administrative Information

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

TRUSTEES	Mr D Cottrell (appointed 17 September 2024) Mrs F Hallworth (appointed 17 September 2024) Mr A Richards Mr JG Sykes Mr R Williams (Chair) Mrs N Hancock (resigned 17 September 2024)
SECRETARY	Mr R Williams
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COMPANY NUMBER	05134542
CHARITY NUMBER	1105139
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Joshua Kingston, BSc., FCA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower 5 Farleigh Court Old Weston Road Flax Bourton Bristol BS48 1UR

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Independent Examiner's Report

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26th May 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	2	28,571	2,000	30,571	2,342
Charitable activities	3	5,725	4,500	10,225	5,875
Other Income		12	-	12	-
Investment income		264	-	264	437
Total income		34,572	6,500	41,072	8,654
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	22,273	10,128	32,401	33,351
Raising funds		43	-	43	-
Total expenditure		22,316	10,128	32,444	33,351
Net income/expenditure and movement in funds	5	12,256	(3,628)	8,628	(24,697)
Total funds at 1 September	11	7,676	20,000	27,676	52,373
Total funds at 31 August	11	19,932	16,372	36,304	27,676

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing

Comparative Statement of Financial Activites are shown in note 8

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

Company Registration Number 05134542

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	10,325	500
Cash at bank		27,264	29,049
		37,589	29,549
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,285)	(1,873)
Net assets		36,304	27,676
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	12	19,932	7,676
Restricted funds	12	16,372	20,000
Total funds		36,304	27,676

For the year ended 31 August 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 26th May 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

Robin Williams
(Trustee)

Tony Richards
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

There are no material uncertainties casting doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation and allocated to the same fund as the original donation.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash & cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations	1,087	-	1,087	1,092
Grant Income	27,000	2,000	29,000	1,250
Gift Aid	484	-	484	-
	28,571	2,000	30,571	2,342

Income from Donations in the prior year was unrestricted.

3 Income on Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fees	5,725	4,500	10,225	5,875
	5,725	4,500	10,225	5,875

Income from charitable activities in the prior year was unrestricted.

4 Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Direct costs			
Staff costs (Note 6)	12,243	10,128	22,371
Staff supervision	575	-	575
Materials and other costs	-	-	-
Training	98	-	98
Establishment costs/meetings	2,211	-	2,211
Travel	1,019	-	1,019
IT	1,430	-	1,430
Professional fees	1,095	-	1,095
Insurance	586	-	586
Other	-	-	-
Governance Costs			
Accountancy fees	3,016	-	3,016
Trustee insurance	-	-	-
	22,273	10,128	32,401

Prior Year

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Direct costs			
Staff costs	12,827	10,000	22,827
Staff supervision	750	-	750
Training	39	-	39
Establishment costs	1,698	-	1,698
Travel	1,099	-	1,099
IT	1,742	-	1,742
Professional fees	1,459	-	1,459
Insurance	783	-	783
Other	991	-	991
Governance Costs			
Accountancy fees	1,964	-	1,964
	23,351	10,000	33,351

5 Net income for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner's fee:		
for current year independent examination	1,140	1,008

6 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and pension contributions	22,181	23,157
Social security costs	-	-
Employer's pension costs	190	200
	22,371	23,357

Key management personnel of the Charity are the Trustees. No benefits were paid either in the current or previous years.

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

No Trustees have been remunerated or reimbursed for their out of pocket travel expenses or waived any expenses (2024: Nil).

During the year, donations of £nil (2024: £nil) were received from trustees and related parties.

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for eligible employees.
The average weekly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Facilitators	3	3

7 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

8 Comparative Statement of Financial Activites

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations (Including Gift aid)	2,342	-	2,342
Charitable activities			
Fees	5,875	-	5,875
Other Income	-	-	-
Investment income	437	-	437
Total income	8,654	-	8,654
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	23,351	10,000	33,351
Raising funds	-	-	-
Total expenditure	23,351	10,000	33,351
Net income/expenditure	(14,697)	(10,000)	(24,697)
Total funds at 1 September	22,373	30,000	52,373
Total funds at 31 August	7,676	20,000	27,676

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	325	500
Accrued Income	10,000	-
	325	500

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
PAYE	(6)	230
Trade Creditors	-	284
Wages/Pension payable	42	279
Accruals	1,249	1,080
	1,285	1,873

11 Movement in funds

	At 01-Sep 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31-Aug 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	7,676	34,572	(22,316)	-	19,932
Restricted funds					
Bain Donation	20,000	-	(10,000)	-	10,000
Safer Options	-	4,500	-	-	4,500
Magdalen Hospital	-	2,000	(128)	-	1,872
	20,000	6,500	(10,128)	-	16,372
Total funds	27,676	41,072	(32,444)	-	36,304

Movement in funds - prior year

	At 01-Sep 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31-Aug 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	22,373	8,654	(23,351)	-	7,676
Restricted funds					
Bain donation	30,000	-	(10,000)	-	20,000
Total funds	52,373	8,654	(33,351)	-	27,676

Restricted funds

Bain donation - Hope's Place successfully applied to the Bain Capital Fund for £30,000 from September 2023, being 3 years funding for the role of Senior Facilitator. This new role includes responsibility for liaison with schools, previously performed by one of our (volunteer) trustees.

Safer Options - Funds have been received to cover staff costs for courses that will be implemented in 2025–26.

Magdalen Hospital - Funds received to cover staff costs

12 Analysis of funds

As at 31 August 2025	Bank Balances £	Net Current Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	10,892	9,040	19,932
Restricted funds	16,372	-	16,372
	27,264	9,040	36,304

As at 31 August 2024	Bank Balances £	Net Current Liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	9,049	(1,373)	7,676
Restricted funds	20,000	-	20,000
	29,049	(1,373)	27,676

13 Company limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee having no share capital. Every member is liable to contribute £1 towards the costs of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity in the event of the charity being wound up.

14 Related parties

Natalie Hancock served as a trustee of Hope's Place from 10 November 2022 to 30 November 2024. During the financial year Octane Accountants Ltd, of which Natalie Hancock is a director, had received £1,410 from Hope's Place (2024: £1,340).