Registered Charity Number: 1146236

Company Registration Number: 00977544



Village Hope

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2025

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for the year ended 31st December 2025

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31st December 2025

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Objectives and Aims
The company's objectives are to proclaim and live out the gospel of Jesus Christ in the villages of Britain in order to establish effective Christian witness and to encourage and enable village churches in Bible teaching, prayer, worship and evangelism in village churches.
We recognise that to be an effective Christian witness our existence is not only for the benefit of members and church attendees, but for the benefit of the wider community in the villages in which we operate. Village Hope is benefiting the public by raising awareness and understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ, by promoting and enabling Bible teaching, study, prayer and worship sessions. Village Hope benefits the community by supporting places of worship that are open for all to attend. A benefit is provided by members who are actively involved in the community in, for example, school assemblies and providing worship in residential homes for the elderly and disabled and visiting members of the public in their homes, hospital or care homes. This is providing social care by ensuring that persons who could not otherwise worship as they wish to, are able to; they enable people to worship with others and have companionship for the time that the member is visiting. Village Hope is also providing a beneficial moral and ethical framework through living out the gospel of Jesus Christ and giving meaning to individual's lives and contributing to their spiritual well-being.
This benefits wider society as well as individual's comfort, solace and sense of purpose, as they live their lives in this framework. In promoting social cohesion by allowing various members of society to come together, many churches open during the week providing a range of activities for various age groups.

Public benefit
The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioners general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Risk
The trustees have reviewed all major risks to which the Charity is exposed and systems are in place to mitigate those risks. Operational risks are managed by delegation to ensure compliance with health and safety and other policies and procedures by volunteers and visitors.
External funding risks continue to be minimised by diversification of both funding and activities. Internal financial risks are managed by the implementation of authorisation procedures for all transactions.

Achievement and Performance
Charitable activities
In 2025, we continued to support and encourage rural churches and individuals through ‘prayer’, ‘understanding’ and ‘mission’.

Prayer
A small network of prayer partners continued to contribute to and receive Village Prayer, our occasional prayer letter. But engagement was increasingly limited and we concluded that it was time to draw this aspect of our ministry to a close.

Village Hope continued to play a leading role in The Hope Countryside partnership. Its prayer guide, ‘Seeds of Prayer’, moved from a monthly to a quarterly bulletin, with a longer format and more background information and insights on current rural and farming issues. ‘Seeds’ continued to be received and appreciated by a wide constituency. The Partnership also ran regular online prayer gatherings and its annual ‘day on the farm’ in June.

Understanding
Our Substack site, Village Link Online, continued to provide thoughtful articles on a range of topics related to rural concerns and wider Christian interests. The site saw a small, but steady growth in subscriptions.

Mission
Village Hope continued its partnership with the Agricultural Christian Fellowship, providing administrative support when necessary.
Our church building, Priors Frome Chapel, was let to a congregation in 2023, although it remains our registered address. We are very pleased that the congregation is prospering and has seen some growth, and that the building is being used for its intended purpose.

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To strengthen our mission, after some deliberation, the Trustees appointed a new Head of Mission, to reframe and develop our work in mobilising and supporting outreach in villages and rural areas.

Financial review
The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.
The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of a revenue nature of £64,833 (PY outgoing £7,309).
The total reserves at the year-end after accounting for unrealised losses /after revaluing investments of £0 (PY £0), stand at £189,411 (PY £124,578).

Reserves
Unrestricted reserves held at the year-end amounted to £189,411 (PY £124,578)

Reserves policy
The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the Charity should be approximately six months of the resources expended. At this level the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the Charity in the event of a significant drop in income.

Structure, Governance and Management
Governing document
The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated in 1970 as Friend's Prayer League and Band Holdings Limited. It changed its name to Village Hope on 25th January 2012 and from 1st April 2012 the FEBV assets and liabilities began to be transferred over to Village Hope, and the Company became active.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association each director is elected for a period of five years after which they resign and may stand to be re-elected. Elections take place at the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors has power to co-opt additional directors as is necessary. New trustees are invited to familiarise themselves with the Charity and its work. They are also given a welcome pack containing:

- the duties of a trustee
- the history of our Charity
- our governing document
- the latest annual report and accounts
- minutes of recent trustee meetings
- the latest strategy plans

Reference and Administration Details
Registered name
Village Hope
Registered Charity number
1146236

Company Registration number
00977544

Principal address
Priors Frome Chapel
Priors Frome
Hereford
HR1 4EP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31st December 2025
Trustees

Name	Position	Appointments/Resignations
John Plumb	Chair	6th March 2017
Dr Peter Carruthers		14th April 2018
Rev Samuel P Brinkley	Treasurer	20th November 2023
Helen E Bagwell		3rd January 2025

National Director
Rev Samuel Brinkley (appointed 01/01/2026)

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).
Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, 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 applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

Approved by the board of trustees on 14th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
John Plumb, Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Village Hope
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Village Hope for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:

Magnus Proctor
Fellow Institute of Financial Accountants
Lindisfarne
Landkey Road
Barnstaple
Devon
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Date: 14th September 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised gains and Losses)
for the Year ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income and Endowments	2				
Donations and legacies		97,429	0	97,429	2,250
Investment income		4,736	0	4,736	13,688
Rental income		4,027	0	4,027	5,642
Total Incoming Resources		106,222	0	106,222	21,580
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3/4	41,389	0	41,389	28,889
Total Resources Expended		41,389	0	41,389	28,889
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources		64,833	0	64,833	(7,309)
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
		64,833	0	64,833	(7,309)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		124,578	0	124,578	131,887
Total Funds carried forward	6	**189,411**	**0**	**189,411**	**124,578**

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
At 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	6	0	0	0	0
Current Assets					
Cash at bank		191,366	0	191,366	125,555
Current Liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,955)	0	(1,955)	(977)
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		189,411	0	189,411	124,578
Net assets		189,411	0	189,411	124,578
Funds	8				
Restricted funds		0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds		189,411	0	189,411	124,578
Total funds		189,411	0	189,411	124,578

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
No members have 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 responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th September 2026 and were signed on its behalf

.....
John Plumb, Chair

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. They also comply with the Companies Act 2006.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Equipment - 4 years straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, current bank accounts and deposit bank accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where then charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will 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 recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. 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.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £
Donations and gifts	14,996	0	14,966
Legacies	82,463	0	62,433
Interest received	4,736	0	4,736
Other income	0	0	0
Rental income	4,027	0	24,057
	106,222	0	101,486

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Donations and gifts	2,250	0	2,250
Gift aid	0	0	0
Interest received	13,688	0	13,688
Other income	0	0	0
Rental income	5,642	0	5,642
	21,580	0	21,580

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £
Charitable activities	39,107	0	39,107
Support costs	2,282	0	2,282
	41,389	0	41,389

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Charitable activities	26,434	0	26,434
Support costs	2,455	0	2,455
	28,889	0	28,889

4. Analysis of support costs

	2025	2024
Accountancy costs	833	1,078
Bank charges	35	34
Insurance	1,414	1,343
	2,282	2,455

5. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	34,578	22,241
Pension costs	2,855	2,264
	37,432	24,505

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

	2025	2024
Average headcount		
Employees	2	2

The notes form part of these financial statements

6. Tangible fixed Assets

	Buildings	Equipment	Total £
Cost			
Cost brought forward	0	819	819
Additions	0	0	0
Total cost carried forward	0	819	819
Depreciation			
Depreciation brought forward	0	819	819
Charge for year	0	0	0
Total depreciation carried forward	0	819	819
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2025	**0**	**0**	**0**
At 31 December 2024	0	0	0

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	500	750
Creditors	1,455	1,434
	1,955	2,184

8. Movement in Funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance 1st Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31st Dec 2025
General Fund	124,578	106,222	(41,389)	0	189,411
Total Funds	124,578	106,222	(41,389)	0	189,411

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance 1st Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31st Dec 2024
General Fund	131,887	21,580	(28,889)	0	124,578
Total Funds	131,887	21,580	(28,889)	0	124,578

9. Trustee remuneration and benefits

The Chief Executive received a salary and benefits under £40,000 during the year. No other trustee has been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

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The following pages do not form part of the Financial Statements

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations	14,996	2,250
Legacies	82,463	0
Gift Aid received	0	0
Other income	0	0
Rental income	4,027	5,642
Total income from donations and legacies	**101,486**	**7,892**
Investment income		
Interest received	4,736	13,688
Total income from investment income	**4,736**	**13,688**
Total incoming resources	**106,222**	**21,580**
Charitable activities		
Employee salaries	34,578	20,310
Pension costs	2,855	1,955
Travel and accommodation	630	118
Chapel utility costs	0	535
Office costs	273	362
Telephone and internet	255	273
Miscellaneous costs	0	1,914
Legal fees	0	377
Subscriptions	516	590
Total expenditure on charitable activities	**39,107**	**26,434**
Support costs		
Independent examiner	0	0
Accountancy costs	833	1,078
Bank charges	35	34
Insurance	1,414	1,343
Trustee expenses	0	0
Total support costs	**2,282**	**2,455**
Total resources expended	**41,389**	**28,889**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**64,833**	**(7,309)**