**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1151846**

# Report of the Trustees and

# Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

# for

# Highway Hope

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**for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**


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**Report of the Trustees**
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

**Annual Report:**

The Trustees of Highway Hope have the pleasure of presenting their report for the period ended 31st December, 2025

Highway Hope is a Registered Charity with Registration Number 1151846 and a Registered office at No. 1 Matthews lane, Manchester, M12 4QW

The Board of Board of Trustees

Ms Dupe Adediran AIMLT; MSc- Chair
Mrs Toyin Oluleke
Mr Michael Afolabi BSc; MSc -
Mr Samuel Oludipe

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**
**Objectives and aims**
Highway Hope's vision is to transform lives, empower and support residents within the community.

Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of our community through a range of multi-purpose services for families; young children, young adults, learning opportunities, catering and room hire, events for social inclusion, volunteering and general services.

**Public benefit**
The Trustees have considered the new obligations of the Charities Act 2006. We are satisfied that Highway Hope complies with the Act and with Section 4 of the Act concerning 'public benefit' guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

**Our Social Impact is recorded as follows:**

Relief of Poverty and Hardship
Encouraging community cohesion and engagement
Reducing social isolation
Advancing Education and Training
Young People's activities
Advancing Mission and Christian Education
Improving health and well-being
Increasing employability

**Report of the Trustees**
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Charitable activities

The relief of poverty and hardship

**Food Bank & Emergency Food Provision:**
Highway Hope continues to support food provision and distribution for families, especially those with young children, within the community through our partnership with the Levenshulme Community Grocery (LGC) located at Matthews Lane. The families we support are either referred from the council, schools or social services, or self-refer, and Highway Hope covers the cost of all emergency food provisions fulfilled by the Levenshulme Community Grocery. We also run a spiritual nourishment and coffee hour at 28 Princes street to support the local community in Stockport where anyone in need of emergency food is referred to the LGC.

**Free Community & Social Cafe :**
Highway Hope café, in partnership with the Levenshulme Community Grocery, continues to serve free meals Monday to Fridays between 10 am to 4pm. Free meals are served to any and every hungry person who walks into the cafe during the opening hours. The cafe attends to an average of 5-10 people per day

**Highway Hope General Store** :
Our general store is now based at 28-30 Princes Street, Stockport, servicing hundreds of local residents with free or affordable furniture, thereby tackling furniture poverty. Our shops are open Monday- Saturday (10 am- 5 pm).

These shops offer a range of donated and recycled items at discounted prices to local communities, providing affordable clothing, toys, and household goods/furniture. We also tackle furniture poverty and offer valuable skills and work experience to volunteers/ long term unemployed.

**Community cohesion and engagement**
Social Nights –we continue to encourage community cohesion through our social nights and daily programs especially for families with young children. Our program has contributed immensely to peaceful coexistence among members from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds in the community. We record a weekly average attendance of 10-20 attendees.

**Advancing Education and Training:**
Highway Hope provides educational support for KS2, KS3 & KS4 school year students. We support over 200 young children from various mainstream schools with the aim of adding value to their academic performance. This takes place every Saturday between 10 am-6 pm. We offer group and one-to-one tuition, both in person and online, aligned with the national curriculum. Our other learning programs include IT/digital skills (“digitally inclusive club”) and music school.

We are also in partnership with MEaP (Making Education a Priority), a consortium of community organisations that have joined forces with the intention of sharing resources across their communities. Although the consortium works in a variety of ways in its communities, it is committed to the strategic linking of initiatives around education, health, wellbeing and employment that can work in concert as primary drivers in the regeneration of the communities the consortium serves

**Advancing Mission and Christian Education**
We support missions abroad in Nigeria, Botswana and Uganda through the provision of health care facilities in the remote areas of Africa.

**Improving health and wellbeing**
We run health awareness days in the UK and are a registered organisation with the Caribbean and African Health Network.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### Investment performance

Key Achievements in 2025

Scale of Support & Reach
The charity supports over 300 community members each month, particularly those dealing with homelessness, poverty, or social isolation.
It runs programs that reach more than 150 children through educational initiatives.

**Food & Basic Needs Provision**
Our emergency food provision through our partnership with the LCG , and our General Store (Furniture & Clothing) work together to relieve poverty. We help 5-10 families with emergency food parcels on a weekly basis, and our charity shop recycles pre-loved goods, helping with both sustainability and affordability for people in need.

**Young People's Project**
Highway Hope delivers Youth empowerment activities and workshops to over 100 young people in terms of skill development, learning practical skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. In 2025, we launched the Restoring Hope Program on our 12th anniversary in December, a personal development program for young people.

**Community Spaces & Social Inclusion**
We engaged the services of a community engagement officer who plans community activities and promotes inclusion and participation.

**Volunteer Engagement & Organisational Growth**
The organisation depends heavily on volunteers.There are about 40 volunteers in addition to paid staff which operate from multiple sites and expand our services (charity shop, food bank, educational programmes, etc.) to meet diverse community needs.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

The trustees of Highway Hope review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity every year. The review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work over the previous 12 months. The review assesses the success of each key activity and the benefits it has brought to the groups it is set out to help. The review ensures that the aims, objectives and activities remain focused on their purposes.

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees have considered how the planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

**Financial Activity & Legitimacy**
The annual turnover is around £400,000 (from multiple sources of income).

Highway Hope's financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2025 shows a deficit of £10,867. In comparison to last year, this also shows a deficit but of £370. The total reserves at year end are £103,030 and iis entirely unrestricted funds as all restricted funds received in the year (and brought forward) have been utilised.. Our total income for the year ended 31 December 2025 was £443,595, a reduction of £52,895 from previous year (£496,490).

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Reserves policy

The board of trustees of Highway Hope discussed the following factors in arriving at their reserves policy:

• Reserves will be maintained at a level which ensures that Highway Hope's organisation's core activity can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

• A proportion of these reserves will be maintained in a readily realisable form.

• Two months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major problem (£20k) The unrestricted reserves currently exceed this level, however the projects revenue has been earmarked for utilisation of these funds.

• The trustees will review this policy on an annual basis.

The charity aims to maintain readily realisable funds of approximately two months of running costs, identified as £20,000. This is subject to the availability and intended use of funds.

In 2025, the charity held less reserves than its policy required as reserves were used to fund projects; service delivery and some organisational development in line with the charity's objectives, but the trustees are working to bring the reserves back in line with the policy. Restricted funds are held and applied in accordance with the conditions imposed by the relevant donors or grant providers.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Registered Charity number

1151846

### Principal address

1 Matthews Lane
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### Trustees

Ms D Adediran AIMLT ; MT
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### Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

M Afolabi BSC ; MSC - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**
**Highway Hope**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Highway Hope**
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Highway Hope (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**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**
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 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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30 October 2026

**Highway Hope**

**Statement of Financial Activities**
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted fund £ | 31.12.25 Total funds £ | 31.12.24 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 3,145 | - | 3,145 | 2,015 |
| **Charitable activities** | | | | | |
| Food bank and Community food store | | 6,670 | - | 6,670 | 1,000 |
| Supplementary education | | 189,810 | - | 189,810 | 237,063 |
| Furniture store | | 157,790 | - | 157,790 | 142,629 |
| Charity store | | 25,234 | - | 25,234 | 11,516 |
| Community outreach | | (17,266) | 50,322 | 33,056 | 57,374 |
| Investment income | 3 | 27,890 | - | 27,890 | 44,893 |
| **Total** | | 393,273 | 50,322 | 443,595 | 496,490 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | - | - | - | 2 |
| **Charitable activities** | | | | | |
| Food bank and Community food store | | 143,373 | - | 143,373 | 156,211 |
| Supplementary education | | 88,107 | - | 88,107 | 64,498 |
| Free community and social cafe | | 47,196 | - | 47,196 | 43,699 |
| Furniture store | | 37,142 | - | 37,142 | 45,474 |
| Charity store | | 28,792 | - | 28,792 | 46,390 |
| Charitable giving | | 9,997 | - | 9,997 | 37,718 |
| Community outreach | | 48,783 | 51,072 | 99,855 | 102,868 |
| **Total** | | 403,390 | 51,072 | 454,462 | 496,860 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | | (10,117) | (750) | (10,867) | (370) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 103,030 | 750 | 103,780 | 104,150 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | | 92,913 | - | 92,913 | 103,780 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Highway Hope**

**Balance Sheet**
**31 December 2025**

| | Notes | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted fund £ | 31.12.25 Total funds £ | 31.12.24 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FIXED ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 6 | 271,270 | - | 271,270 | 271,996 |
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | | | |
| Cash at bank | | 2,116 | - | 2,116 | 6,122 |
| **CREDITORS** | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 7 | (23,769) | - | (23,769) | (4,017) |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | (21,653) | - | (21,653) | 2,105 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | 249,617 | - | 249,617 | 274,101 |
| **CREDITORS** | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year | 8 | (156,704) | - | (156,704) | (170,321) |
| **NET ASSETS** | | 92,913 | - | 92,913 | 103,780 |
| **FUNDS** | 11 | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | 92,913 | 103,030 |
| Restricted funds | | | | - | 750 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | | | 92,913 | 103,780 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Afolabi BSC ; MSC - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements**
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**
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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**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.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fixtures and fittings | - | 33% on cost |
| Motor vehicles | - | 20% on cost |
| Computer equipment | - | 20% on cost |

**Taxation**
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**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.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | 31.12.25 | 31.12.24 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | 3,145 | 2,015 |

## 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 31.12.25 | 31.12.24 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Rents received | 27,890 | 44,893 |



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## 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no payments of trustees remuneration of other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## 5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted fund £ | Restricted fund £ | Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2,015 | - | 2,015 |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Food bank and Community food store | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Supplementary education | 189,674 | 47,389 | 237,063 |
| Furniture store | 142,629 | - | 142,629 |
| Charity store | 11,516 | - | 11,516 |
| Community outreach | 20,374 | 37,000 | 57,374 |
| Investment income | 44,893 | - | 44,893 |
| **Total** | 411,101 | 85,389 | 496,490 |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | |
| Raising funds | 2 | - | 2 |
| **Charitable activities** | | | |
| Food bank and Community food store | 155,211 | 1,000 | 156,211 |
| Supplementary education | 60,518 | 3,980 | 64,498 |
| Free community and social cafe | 43,699 | - | 43,699 |
| Furniture store | 45,474 | - | 45,474 |
| Charity store | 46,390 | - | 46,390 |
| Charitable giving | 37,718 | - | 37,718 |
| Community outreach | 20,979 | 81,889 | 102,868 |
| **Total** | 409,991 | 86,869 | 496,860 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | 1,110 | (1,480) | (370) |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 101,920 | 2,230 | 104,150 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** | 103,030 | 750 | 103,780 |



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## 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Freehold property £ | Fixtures and fittings £ | Motor vehicles £ | Computer equipment £ | Totals £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **COST** | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2025 | 268,269 | 27,068 | 17,750 | 17,857 | 330,944 |
| Additions | - | - | - | 445 | 445 |
| At 31 December 2025 | 268,269 | 27,068 | 17,750 | 18,302 | 331,389 |
| **DEPRECIATION** | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2025 | - | 26,141 | 14,950 | 17,857 | 58,948 |
| Charge for year | - | 382 | 700 | 89 | 1,171 |
| At 31 December 2025 | - | 26,523 | 15,650 | 17,946 | 60,119 |
| **NET BOOK VALUE** | | | | | |
| At 31 December 2025 | 268,269 | 545 | 2,100 | 356 | 271,270 |
| At 31 December 2024 | 268,269 | 927 | 2,800 | - | 271,996 |

## 7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 31.12.25 £ | 31.12.24 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Taxation and social security | 4,085 | 1,319 |
| Other creditors | 19,684 | 2,698 |
| | 23,769 | 4,017 |

## 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

| | 31.12.25 £ | 31.12.24 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Bank loans (see note 9) | 150,180 | 154,180 |
| Other creditors | 6,524 | 16,141 |
| | 156,704 | 170,321 |

## 9. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

| | 31.12.25 £ | 31.12.24 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Amounts falling between one and two years: | | |
| Bank loans - 1-2 years | 15,873 | 15,873 |
| Amounts falling due in more than five years: | | |
| Repayable otherwise than by instalments: | | |
| Bank loans more 5 yrs non-inst | 134,307 | 138,307 |



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## 10. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

| | 31.12.25 | 31.12.24 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank loans | 150,180 | 154,180 |

The charity has a 20 year bank loan with Natwest. This is secured by a first legal charge on the property 2b-4 Lees Street, Openshaw, M11 1WH. The interest rate applicable to the loan is 3% above Bank of England.

## 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.1.25 | Net movement in funds | At 31.12.25 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 103,030 | (10,117) | 92,913 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Restricted | 750 | (750) | - |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 103,780 | (10,867) | 92,913 |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources | Resources expended | Movement in funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 393,273 | (403,390) | (10,117) |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Restricted | 50,322 | (51,072) | (750) |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 443,595 | (454,462) | (10,867) |

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

| | At 1.1.24 | Net movement in funds | At 31.12.24 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 101,920 | 1,110 | 103,030 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Restricted | 2,230 | (1,480) | 750 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 104,150 | (370) | 103,780 |



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## 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted funds** | | | |
| General fund | 411,101 | (409,991) | 1,110 |
| **Restricted funds** | | | |
| Restricted | 85,389 | (86,869) | (1,480) |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | 496,490 | (496,860) | (370) |

## 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were rental income and expenditure transactions between Highway Hope and New Covenant Church Manchester (NCC) relating to the premises 28-30 Princes Street which is owned by NCC. They are also both involved in the Levenshulme Grocery Store franchise which was established this year.

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## 13. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The charity has received restricted funds totalling £50,322 this year. The restricted funds received last year have all been utilised in the yea along with the funds received this yearr.

## 14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

**Restricted funds**

| | b/fwd | Income | Exp. | C/fwd |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Forever Manchester : Electricity Support Grants | 750 | | 750 | 0 |
| Manchester City Council (MCC) : YPP Partnership Project | 0 | 6,638 | 6,638 | 0 |
| Manchester City Council (MCC) : YPP Partnership Project | 0 | 14,074 | 14,074 | 0 |
| Manchester City Council (MCC) : YPP Partnership Project | 0 | 14,074 | 14,074 | 0 |
| Making Education a Priority : Million House Fund | 0 | 5,536 | 5,536 | 0 |
| London Community : Summer Holiday | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0 |

The Forever Manchester funds was a grant to support the electricity costs.

The MCC funds were for the YPP Partnrship Project. This supported the provision of youth activities and services including music; dance workshops and coding clubs.

The MEAP funds were for the million hour project. This was a joint project with the National Lottery for the provision of youth activities in Manchester and Stockport.

The London Community funds was for a summer holiday provision for school children in Manchester and Stockport.