Annual General Meeting Thursday 30th April 2026 Commencing at 6.00pm at Hope House

1. Attendees/Apologies
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Chairperson's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
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CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10TH APRIL 2025

Chairpersons Report - Joanne Sowerby

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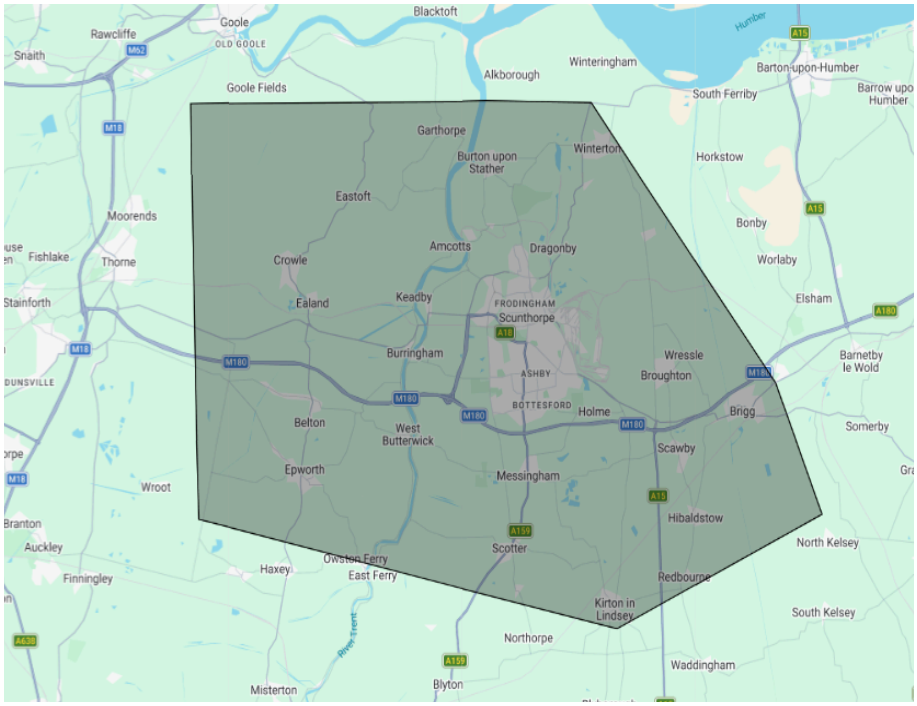
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Garthorpe
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Horkstow
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Moorends
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Messingham
Wroot
Hibaldstow
Branton
Auckley
A159
Scotter
North Kelsey
Owston Ferry
East Ferry
Haxey
Finningley
Redbourne
Kirton in Lindsey
South Kelsey
A638
River Trent
Northorpe
Waddingham
Misterton
Blyton

Treasurer - Lyndsey Pearcy

At present:

Income	76047.75
Expenditure	72881.00

Current Bank Balance is	17190.61
Income	76047.75
Expenditure	72881.00

Balance at the end of the year 20357.35

My aims for this year are to ensure that I get a much more detailed overview of income at Hope House, to ensure that the income from HH covers the expenditure.

The accounts are fully audited.

This is another amazing achievement, ensuring that our income exceeds our expenditure.

BOSOM FAMILY SUPPORT 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2025

INCOME	2025
DONATIONS & GRANTS	16278.19
FUNDRAISING	6143.96
200 CLUB	3528.00
JUST GIVING	25264.05
WALK	3200.62
GOLF DAY	4210.00
BALL	8016.50
HOUSE INCOME	9406.44
TOTAL	76047.75
EXPENDITURE	
LIFERAFTS/BFS/ B BELLES	2437.04
	3600.00 Social Media 2013.00 Run Places 2400.00 Caravan 1350.00 PGL 3488.76 Marketing

INCOME	2025
MEALS	16233.80
RENT	7999.92
MISC	1500.00
HOUSE RUNNING	344.92. Expenses 7280.00 Caretaker
INSURANCE	3067.21
COUNSELLING/HOLISTIC	18711.00
CLEANING & gARDENING	4718.50
JUST GIVING AND BANK CHARGES	388.14 514.80
UTILITIES	4827.35
TOTAL	72881.00

INCOME

76047.75

EXPENDITURE

72881.00

3166.75

For the Year Ending the 31st December 2025

The following served on the Committee of Trustees during this period.

Chairperson – Joanne Sowerby

Secretary – Jane Stephenson

Treasurer – Lyndsey Pearcy

Committee Member/ Choir – Diane Stackhouse

Committee Member/Liferafts – Louise Ward

Committee Member – Sharon Purkins

Committee Member – Nicola Glover

Committee Member – David SowerbY

Committee Member – Kerry Barnby

Committee Member – Tracey Brown

Committee Member – Jamie Hannath

Committee Member - Sarah Gilliland

Reference and Administrative Details

The name of the Charity is Bosom Family Support

The Charities' Bankers are:

HSBC

84 High Street

Scunthorpe

North Lincolnshire

DN15 6HQ

The governing document is the Constitution (adopted in May 2015)

The Charity Registration Number is 1169020.

The names of all members of the Trustee Committee who have acted at any time during this period are shown above.

The income and property of the charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects, are set out in the Constitution

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Financial Review.

During the period under review, income exceeded expenditure by £3166.75

A Full Summary can be seen in the Accounts Report.

The Charity aims to hold sufficient reserves in order to achieve its policy objectives. On behalf of the Committee of Trustees.

Note from Independent Examiner can be found below.

Signed J Sowerby

Chairperson

Date 01/04/2025

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees of Hope House on the examination of the accounts for Year Ending 31st December 2025

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did 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.

Objectives and Activities

Hope House is established to support individuals and their families who have been affected by cancer, supporting their holistic wellbeing as they recover.

The group will fulfil the aim by:

- Promoting the health and well being of the residents of the area and working together as residents regardless of age, ethnic origin, ability, sex, belief or political affiliation recognising the value of our many differences.
- Involving local people by improving the area they live.
- Provide counselling to members and their families.
- To raise funds and receive contributions where appropriate to finance the work.
- To publicise and promote the work.
- Make rules and standing orders for categories of members and their rights.
- Take out insurance.
- Organise meetings, training courses and events.
- Work with similar groups and exchange information and advice for them.
- Take any action that is lawful, which would help it to fulfil its aims.

During the year in review, income exceeded expenditure by £3166.75. The charity aims to hold sufficient reserves in order to be able to meet its policy objectives.On Behalf of the Committee of Trustees.

Signed J Sowerby

Date 01/04/2025

Discussed and Approved at AGM on the 30th April 2025

Reports

Referrals - Tracey Brown

Year to Date (up to and including 24th April) we have had 78 referrals (plus referrals coming through Jo), majority of these have come through Macmillan but also from Pink Rose, Hospital departments, Social Prescribers. Most of the referrals in the last month have been Breast Cancer.

Of these referrals, over half have taken up offer of support or are still receiving support from Hope House. Others have been logged and have been sent information (leaflets) so they know the support is out there for them.

Friendship Group - Pat & Sylvia

We have changed our name this last year from the bereavement group to the friendship group. This came about because our group has grown and we have a real mix of people who come. Different ages (we range in age now from 58-90). We have people that are bereaved through cancer, people going through cancer treatment and also supporting family members who are receiving treatment. We have about 22 members, walking in as strangers and walking out as friends.

We have started including some activities outside of our Tuesday group. We have been out for afternoon tea twice, Sunday lunch and more recently we have been to Friday afternoon music and dancing at Ashby decoy. Also we have started a Thursday morning walkers group which is a gentle stroll around Central Park, finishing off with a coffee at the pods where we “put the world to rights”.

The group has also given some suggestions for guest speakers, which we are currently looking into.

Finally Sylvia and I have made friends with the group as well as becoming firm friends supportive of each other. We have watched our members form new friendships which continue outside of the group. We get as much out of the group as the members of our group and " we love it".

Cuppa and Chat - Jane Ashley

10–14 people meet most Wednesdays.
Ages range from mid 60s to 90s.
The majority have experienced cancer personally or within their immediate family.

A few are simply lonely and value the opportunity to meet outside their home. Everyone values friendship – it's like a big family. There are no taboo topics in conversation, and it can be quite lively and noisy.

For those without transport or with mobility issues, car drivers/owners arrange to pick them up, ensuring no one is forgotten where possible.

We all enjoy going out for meals 3–4 times a year, celebrating individual birthdays with cards and a homemade cake.

Some of the ladies also attend Hope House coffee mornings, and all enjoy the Bosom Belles Christmas concert.

Support Group - Jo Sowerby

The support group at Hope House continues to be extremely well attended and plays a vital role in supporting our families. We operate a structured programme, planned months in advance, to ensure a wide variety of activities, guest speakers and events are available to keep the group engaging and meaningful for all who attend.

Over the past year, we have seen a significant increase not only in attendance at the group itself, but also within our support group chat, which now includes over 60 members. This reflects the growing need for connection and support within our community.

The group follows a consistent format. The first Wednesday of each month is dedicated to our *New Persons Evening*, which has seen a notable rise in attendance. In recent months, we have welcomed in excess of eight new individuals each session, often accompanied by family members, resulting in attendance figures of between 20 and 30 people. These evenings are now further strengthened by the presence of our counselling team, Kalie from Macmillan, Tracey , and Verity from the wig room. Their support ensures that new attendees have immediate access to professional guidance, as well as reassurance and practical support from the very beginning of their journey

remainder of the month focuses on *Cuppa and Chat* sessions, activities, and guest speakers, all of which are very well received.

These evenings are made even more special thanks to the continued support of Pat and Sylvia, who not only provide refreshments but also generously give their time to support individuals on a more personal level.

It is incredible to see how much the group has grown—so much so that at times the room is now becoming too small to accommodate everyone comfortably. Despite this, the group remains an essential source of support for individuals during treatment, after treatment, and for those living beyond cancer.

I am immensely proud of the friendships that are formed and the sense of family that develops within this group. It truly embodies everything Hope House stands for.

Meal Deliveries - Tracey Brown

On 24th April we have officially been delivering meals for 6 years. Some of our volunteers from day 1 are still delivering the meals.

On average we are delivering to 65-70 families per week and since we started we have delivered 30,391 meals up to 24th April 2026.

Keith, Cath and Sarah have now taken ownership of running the meal service on a Friday but Tracey and Jo will still deal with referring families in and the admin relating to the meals. Gill is continuing to label up the bags each week.

Run Co Coordinator - Tracey Brown

LLHM

20 runners took part in this years London Landmarks Half Marathon, it was an amazing day and in total they raised £22,550.50 which was the highest amount ever raised at this event. Tracey will apply for more places for 2027 in the ballot so will know in July how many we have secured.

GNR
12 runners have been registered (along with Joanne and Ian Sowerby who had ballot places) to take part in the race in September.

Bosom Belles - Di Stackhouse

Bosom Belles celebrated its 10th anniversary early this year and continues to be the heart of Hope House.

The past year has once again been a busy one especially at Christmas. We have had to say no to some people as we just couldn't fit them in.

During the festive season of 2025 we did the Festival of trees at the Old Brumby United Church for the festival opening weekend.

We sang for the fabulous Mason's as we do ever year. They always support us every year and make everyone welcome.

We sany for the Rotary club who have also raised a lot of money for Hope House.

As always the choir had their annual Christmas concert at the Wortley. This was a sell out as always. Everyone has a good sing song.

Most performances directly support Hope House.

Last year we had to bring in some new ground rules to make the choir and Hope House a safe place to sing.

All the choir turn up most weeks and sing their heart out. This year we are learning new songs so we have new challenges.

Looking ahead to our 10th year we have Scunthorpe male voice choir, Bottesford beer festival, messingham show and many more.

Thank you to each and everyone of the members who continue to support Hope House.

Jolly Van Bookings - Karen Smith

The jolly van is tucked away on a perfectly peaceful site called Trusville Mablethorpe. Most of our guests comment on how peaceful it is in a perfect location for the beach.
A lot of people comment on the Bingo and the club, but most comment on how kind it is for Hope House to give them the opportunity to stay with us and how kind it is for us to open up our holiday home for them.
Truth is we love our Hope House guests staying and knowing that they have everything they need on hand and mostly that they are comfortable.
If Thejollyvan provides a memory filled time for our families that really is the best!
We started our venture in 2022 having bought No 7 naming her "Thejollyvan" She has received a total makeover and is just a little caravan made into home.
My Mum Nina, joint owner, came herself to this camp as a child, coming back years later into their own van. It's a super friendly environment and everybody says hello!
The club is a typical Camp Club with regular weekend turns and cheap pints ....
I know HH families bringing children and pets absolutely love our location and love being tucked up in bed at night hearing the sea waves.
We are proud to be part of Hope House Holidays.
Karen.

Jolly Van 2025 - 2026 - Kerry Barnby

I am involved in coordinating bookings for the 'Jolly Van', which we are pleased to offer to families from March through to October. Over the past year, we have been fortunate to provide two weekend stays (three nights) per month. This has enabled us to support more families than in previous years, giving them the opportunity for a short getaway during or following particularly challenging times.

It is a rewarding role, as I have the opportunity to make direct contact with the families. Jo and Tracey provide me with the details of those who may benefit from a weekend break. I then contact them by phone to discuss the offer and provide initial information, followed by further details and photographs via WhatsApp.

Once bookings are confirmed, I pass the information to Karen, the owner, who finalises the arrangements directly with the families.

Over the past year, we were able to offer weekend breaks to 17 families, all of whom expressed sincere gratitude for the opportunity. Karen also reflects this appreciation in her report

Liferafts - Louise

Liferafts group continues to grow in numbers, we currently have 21 families in the group chat with 20 children.

The group tends to have around 10 members on average each month, with attendees varying depending on where they are at as a family, in treatment or with after school activities.

As always the group activities depend upon the time of year, the kids interests or requests.

We interweave discussions around illness/loss/, with the intention of normalising thoughts and feelings whilst supporting the parents/family members upstairs.

Liferafts - Kerry

Liferafts is our children's support group at Hope House, meeting once a month. While sessions are usually held at Hope House, over the past year we have also arranged alternative venues to offer outdoor activities and varied experiences.

The group is well attended and open to all ages, currently welcoming children from as young as 2 through to 15 years old. Attendance is flexible, with children joining as support is needed or as they are able to attend. Many children continue to return over a long period, which we feel reflects the group as a safe, supportive space with children who have had similar challenges with loved ones' illnesses or loss.
One to one support is also available with Louise, our professional counselor if required.

As a volunteer, my role is to support the children through activities. Over the past year, these have included a wide range of options such as crafts, interactive game boards provided by an external organisation, seed planting, and outdoor games, including a rounders match. A highlight of the year is always our Christmas party, including a visit from Santa, kindly supported by The Lions.

We aim to vary activities in line with the seasons, ensuring they are inclusive and suitable for all age groups. Maintaining a consistent team of volunteers is also a priority, helping to build familiarity and trust with both the children and their parents or guardians.

Parents and carers are encouraged to spend time in the upstairs room, where they can enjoy a cup of tea with Pat and Sylvia and connect with one another. This opportunity for informal peer support has proven to be incredibly valuable each month.

Counselling, Men Matter and Grief Group - Phil Thurgood

Over the past year, our counselling service has continued to provide confidential, compassionate, and professional emotional support to individuals living with cancer, their families, and those bereaved by the illness.

Service delivered:

- One-to-one counselling sessions (both in person at HH or home visits and remotely where required)
- Short-term structured therapeutic support
- Ongoing support for complex or prolonged grief
- Crisis and stabilisation sessions where appropriate
- Signposting and referral to other services when needed

Clients have presented with a wide range of concerns, including:

- Adjustment to diagnosis and treatment
- Anxiety and fear of recurrence
- Depression and low mood
- Relationship and family strain
- Body image and identity changes
- Anticipatory grief
- Bereavement

Demand for counselling has been steady throughout the year. While attendance can fluctuate depending on treatment cycles and hospital activity, overall

engagement has been consistent, reflecting the continued need for psychological and emotional support alongside medical care.

200 club 25/26 - Nic Glover

A slight increase in members on previous year ..147 members. Made up of enrolment and new members.
147 x £24.00 = £3428
12 months prize draw amounts = £1700
Profit for HH = £1828.00

Chairbased exercise

The group is run by Kevin Chadburn and runs each week and is currently attended by between 6 - 10 people weekly. The group all take part in Chair Based exercises.The group is full at 10, so at present there is a waiting list.

Club 12
Companies who have signed up so far:
The Hop Inn Brigg
Buchen
Emma's Pilates
Katie Harrington Tatooist
Cambridge Avenue Medical Centre

Social Media - Chris Sumpter

Report

1. Objective

This report provides a general overview of our Facebook page's performance. We are using the current month, April 2026 as a snapshot, with a focus on understanding how many people are accessing our content and how they are engaging with it.

2. Overview of Performance

Overall, Facebook performance in April 2026 was strong, with clear growth in visibility, engagement, and audience activity. The data shows that more people – both month-on-month, and year-on-year – are accessing our content and taking meaningful actions such as visiting our page and clicking on links.

3. April 2026 Key Metrics

Views: 201.2K (+21.5% vs 2025)
Reach (Viewers): 42.9K (+29.7% vs 2025)
Content Interactions: 2.5K (+45.2% vs 2025)
Link Clicks: 239 (+305.1% vs 2025)

Page Visits: 4.6K (+16% vs 2025)
Follows (April 2026): 77
Total Page Followers: 3,721
These figures demonstrate a high level of activity across the page, particularly in terms
of visibility and user engagement. Several key areas, including views, reach, interactions, link clicks and page visits, have shown clear growth compared to the same
period in 2025.

4. Key Trends and Activity
There were noticeable peaks in performance during the early and middle parts of April.These increases in activity align with the London Landmarks Half Marathon, during
and after which a range of content was shared including photographs from the event
and shared posts from participants and supporters.

This approach created a strong sense of immediacy and community, resulting in increased engagement and interaction.

5. Key Insights
Strong audience reach
The number of people viewing content is high, with views showing clear growth compared to 2025. This indicates that posts are being successfully delivered to a wide
audience and increasing overall awareness of the charity.
Effective engagement and interaction
Content interactions and page visits show that audiences are not only seeing content
but are also engaging with it, demonstrating interest and connection.
Increased action through link clicks

The number of link clicks has grown compared to the same month in 2025, highlighting
that users are increasingly taking further steps beyond viewing content, such as accessing additional information or engaging more deeply with the charity's work.
Success of live and event-based content
The highest levels of engagement occurred during event coverage. This suggests that
audiences respond particularly well to real-time, visual, and story-driven content.

6. Relevance to the Charity
As a charity supporting families affected by cancer treatment, the ability to connect with
audiences through storytelling and community-focused content is especially important.
The data suggests that sharing real experiences, highlighting supporters, and providing
live updates helps to build stronger engagement and awareness.

7. Conclusion
Facebook continues to be a hugely-effective platform for reaching and engaging audiences. The strong performance in April demonstrates the value of timely, engaging,
and community-driven content. By building on these strengths, there is a clear opportunity to further increase awareness and support for Hope House's work.

Newsletter

Abi has continued to do an amazing job of the newsletter, but due to a move back to her home in Scotland, she has had a two month break it will continue again from next month. It is enjoyed by all and a real celebration of all we do!

The Walk - Kerry Barnby & Di Stackhouse

Information for 2026 Walk on the 31st May 2026

Subject: Hope House Walk 2026 – Thank You & Important Information

A huge thank you for applying to take part in our annual 10-mile Hope House Walk 💜

As always, we hope the day will be fun-filled and successful in raising vital funds for our charity.

Your £10 entry fee will be fully contributed to Hope House. We would also be incredibly grateful if you were able to gain additional sponsorship, as our charity relies heavily on donations to support families affected by cancer in a variety of ways.

On the Day

We will meet at Hope House (insert address) at least 15 minutes before the 10am start.

Myself and Di will be there to welcome you and provide a route map. While a map will be provided, we aim to stay together as a group — this is not a race, but a chance to enjoy the experience and cross the finish line together.

📸 A group photograph will be taken at the start.
(You will have indicated on your form if you do not consent to this being shared.)

We will walk as a group, with one of us at the front and one at the back to support everyone along the way.

🐾 Dogs are very welcome, but must be kept on leads at all times.

What to Bring / Important Info

- Please bring water
- There will be a toilet stop at Morrisons (Pods)
- Wear comfortable footwear suitable for walking

Finish

We will finish back at Hope House, where there will be refreshments, cake, and time to reflect together on the day 🧁

Nic Glover

Hope house activities I was involved in:-
200 club 2025/26
Easter egg raffle baskets ,(2025)
Annual Ball Sept 21st 2025
Requesting /collecting / preparing raffle donations
Designing/ creating the theme
Room set up/ take down

Xmas wreath making Dec 2025
Collecting foliage for all classes run at HH and volunteering on the classes

Tea lady when required
Tidy of HH throughout the year

The Ball - Nic Glover, Jo Sowerby

Our most profitable ball to date, raising a massive £8000.00
A lot of hard work put in behind the scenes into making the "James Bond themed ball" a huge success.

Date of this year's ball is Sat 19th Sept 2026.
Again we are grateful for donations from individuals/ businesses that have previously donated, but as the date draws near if we could ask again for donations for the popular raffle draw they will be very much appreciated.

The Golf Day

Our next Golf Day will take place on August Bank Holiday Monday, and we are already in the early stages of planning and preparation for what promises to be another fantastic event.

Last year's Golf Day was an enormous success, and it would not have been possible without the support and dedication of so many people. A huge thank you goes to Ian for organising the event, to Kath and Keith for generously giving up their time, and to Sarah for coordinating the raffle. Special thanks also to Kerry, who is always on hand on the day to support wherever needed.

We are incredibly grateful to Nic for sorting out the prizes, and to Diane for coordinating the halfway house, which is always a highlight of the day. Finally, our sincere thanks go to Tesco for their continued support through generous donations of raffle prizes and refreshments.

We are looking forward to another successful event this year and appreciate the ongoing support that helps make it such a special day for Hope House.

Art Group

This is currently on hold and due to be relaunched in June.

Book Club

Book club meets every month on the first Monday of the month unless it is a bank holiday then this might change after discussion with the group, to a different Monday in the month. We met 11 times in 2025 between January and December. We meet at Hope House for an hour. Our December meeting is usually our Christmas meal and we go out for this. The book club has 8-9 members who attend. We obtain books from the local library and one of our members orders these and we take it in turns to drop the books off at the library and pick up new books.We read a variety of books giving the members the opportunity to read books that they probably would not choose. We then discuss the merits of the book and the writing and individually give it a score. My role is to support the group in discussing the books and as questions about everyone's thoughts, giving everyone a chance to speak. We are a real supportive group and often support each other through things that our happening in our life on a more personal level if members want to share and ask advice or just want to chat.I'm available to speak / support members individually if they feel that they need or would like this.We have a new member that started in January this year and are always welcoming and seeking new members to join our group. We ask for a £3 donation at our meeting to support Hope House.

External Groups

Carers Group
Linda's Card Group
LGFB
Breast Cancer Now

Wellbeing day

We have just hosted our second wellbeing day, the rationale for this event, is that

Craft Fayres

New for 2026

Rubecula Candles workshops last Monday of each month

Mindfulness Courses - block of four sessions at £20.

Curlys Events

Walking Group - 100 miles of Hope

Club 12

Coffee Mornings - Sarah Gilliland

Coffee mornings are held on the last Saturday of the month, each month we raise awareness for a specific type of cancer. This month was bowel/testicular cancer and we had the pleasure in welcoming Dr Elango from Cambridge Avenue surgery to our coffee morning, Dr Elango took the time to speak to every table in the room, he was happy to answer any questions, he gave out information leaflets and

brought a number of sample kits which he kindly left for us. Dr Elango was very impressed with the atmosphere within the room and he was even more impressed with the selection of cakes we had to offer, so much so he took home a large takeaway box, he thoroughly enjoyed the morning and said he would be happy to come back to future coffee mornings.

The coffee mornings are well attended, and each month more and more people attend, the atmosphere is warm and friendly and many people from the local community come to socialise and sample our selection of cakes. On average we make around £200.00 per coffee morning. More and more people are wanting to take cakes home so we do need to look into purchasing larger/better takeaway boxes.

We now have a small group of ladies who bake for us, which takes a lot of pressure off Jo and I. Special thanks go to Elaine who bakes an array of freshly baked scones for us. The cheese scones go down a storm, so much so each coffee morning she is upping the amount she bakes. Elaine brings branston pickle for the cheese scones, and butter, jam, and clotted cream to accompany the plain, cherry and fruit scones, and to Charlotte, who bakes and array of chocolate goodies, cakes and cupcakes.

Special thanks also go to Claire Leather, who using her artistic skills hand makes banners for each coffee morning, we are saving these and can use these each year.

Our coffee mornings have grown into a well-attended and much appreciated regular event in many people's calendar.

MAYORS CHARITY

On 14th May it will be announced at the Mayor Making Ceremony that Hope House will be one of the two charities who have been selected to be the Mayors Charity of the Year (Tracey will be attending) Cllr Janet Lee will be the new Mayor and both Macmillan and Hope House will share the proceeds from the fundraising events through the year. We will need to recruit a list of volunteers to help at events as there will be lots of things planned that we will need to attend.

January	
February	
March	Wellbeing Event at HH 21st March
April	Good Friday - Charity Sky Dive Spring Fayre 12th April London Landmarks Walk 12th April 2025
May	31st May Walk
June	

	6th June Messingham Show
July	12th July Summer Concert 18th July St Hughes Church Concert
August	Golf Day 31st August
September	19th September 2025 Mexican Fiesta Ball Great North Run
October	Wellbeing day 17th October
November	Christmas Fayre? 15th November Memorial Evening Mandy White
December	Bosom Belles Concert 6th December 20th December The Wortley Christmas Lunch