Voice of Hope
(Registered charity, number 1171171)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Voice of Hope
Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Registered charity number 1171171

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Trustees
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Mr Douglas Dean
Mr C Barber (retired April 2026)
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Daryl Denson ACMA
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Governance and management
Voice of Hope is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which operates under the rules of its constitution adopted on 18 January 2017.

Summary of objects
The objects of the CIO are to promote human rights (as set out in the universal declaration of human rights and subsequent united nations conventions and declarations) throughout the world through the prevention of modern slavery including human trafficking by:

1) raising awareness of modern slavery;
2) promoting public support for the prevention of modern slavery;
3) offering training and education on modern slavery;
4) conducting research into modern slavery;
5) relieving need among the victims of modern slavery;
6) raising funds to be used in the relief and prevention of modern slavery

Public Benefit
The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Summary of main activities during the year

For the year ending 2025, the charity's main activities focused on raising awareness and improving public understanding of modern slavery, human trafficking, and county lines exploitation. The charity delivered educational talks, workshops, and awareness within schools, community groups, faith organisations, and local networks to help individuals recognise the signs of exploitation and understand how to report concerns safely. The charity also worked to support vulnerable individuals through partnership working.

In addition, the charity delivered diversity and inclusion projects aimed at supporting vulnerable adults and children who were at risk of social exclusion. Particular focus was given to working with children and young people on the verge of school exclusion, including those affected by or vulnerable to substance misuse and potential drug-related exploitation. These projects provided mentoring, early intervention, positive engagement activities, and educational support designed to improve confidence, resilience, wellbeing, and future opportunities while reducing the risk of criminal exploitation and involvement in county lines activity.

The charity also used social media, public engagement, and collaborative initiatives to increase awareness of the growing risks associated with exploitation and to encourage stronger community responses to safeguarding and prevention.

Summary of main achievements during the year

During the year ending 2025, the charity focused on raising awareness of modern slavery, human trafficking, and county lines through education, workshops, community engagement, and partnership working.

Our prevention objective supported vulnerable adults and children through diversity and inclusion projects, particularly those at risk of school exclusion, substance misuse, and criminal exploitation. Activities included mentoring, early intervention, awareness sessions, and collaborative community initiatives aimed at improving safeguarding, resilience, and opportunities for vulnerable individuals.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has been awarded a three-year grant from the National Lottery Community Fund for the year beginning 2026. As a result, the trustees do not expect to need to use the charity's reserves for the next three years, as current funding is expected to cover planned activities and operational costs during this period. However, the charity will continue to maintain reserves of £10,000 to provide financial security and ensure it can respond to any unexpected changes in income or expenditure.

The total unrestricted reserves held at the end of the year was £10,380 (2024: £7,470) and total restricted reserves held was £43,745 (2024: £60,594).

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed A Broom Date 11.10.26.

Name: Ann Broom.
Position: Trustee.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Voice of Hope for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
As the charity's trustees of Voice of Hope, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Voice of Hope accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 Voice of Hope as required by section 130 of the Act; or

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

3. the accounts to not comply with the accounting 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.

Signed _____ Date 13/10/2026

Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

Voice of Hope
Receipts & Payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	-	68,945	68,945	80,133
Donation	1,928	2,936	4,864	3,741
Gifts	-	500	500	50
Sundry	1,335	-	1,335	36
Total Receipts	3,263	72,381	75,644	83,960
Payments				
Gifts	-	-	-	313
Publicity	-	-	-	1,340
Refreshments	-	672	672	1,125
Security	-	175	175	-
IT	-	165	165	1,132
Room Hire	-	-	-	3,014
Rent	-	1,685	1,685	-
Business Rates	-	125	125	-
Wages	-	75,082	75,082	59,377
Payroll Costs	-	576	576	475
Administration Costs	-	688	688	130
Insurance	-	951	951	237
Travel	-	1,037	1,037	1,490
Purchases	-	-	-	415
Printing & Stationary	-	1,097	1,097	719
Project Assist Costs	-	2,028	2,028	1,798
Staff Costs	-	1,795	1,795	76
Subscription	-	172	172	991
Accounts	-	768	768	540
Training	-	2,049	2,049	116
Sundry	-	518	518	-
Total Payments	-	89,583	89,583	73,288
Net receipts / (payments)	3,263	(17,202)	(13,939)	10,672
Transfer between funds	(353)	353	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	7,470	60,594	68,064	57,392
Cash funds carried forward	10,380	43,745	54,125	68,064

Voice of Hope
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Cash assets	£	£
Current Account	54,125	68,064
	54,125	68,064

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed A M Broom Dated 11.10.26.
Name: A.M. Broom
Position: Trustee.

Voice of Hope
Notes to the Accounts
at 31 December 2025

	Balance at 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2025
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
School Account	-	1,600	-	216	1,816
Main Lottery Grant	60,236	41,903	(86,912)	310	15,537
Sports Award	-	9,768	(2,671)	38	7,135
Awards for All	-	19,110	-	147	19,257
People Power Fund	201	-	-	(201)	-
Community Foundation Malam	157	-	-	(157)	-
	60,594	72,381	(89,583)	353	43,745
Unrestricted funds					
General reserve	7,470	3,263	-	(353)	10,380
	7,470	3,263	-	(353)	10,380
Total funds	68,064	75,644	(89,583)	-	54,125

Purpose of restricted funds
School Account – To deliver education around exploitation in school or youth settings

Main Lottery Grant – Funding to help charity operations and to recruit new staff.

Sports Award – To pilot diversionary activities to the homeless.

Awards for All – To pilot working with children, adults, carers affected by drug abuse.

Related party transactions
No related party transactions