Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

House Of The Open Door

Charity registration number: 1183268

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

House of the Open Door is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation registered on 7 May 2019, charity number 1183268.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

Organisational structure

The trustees delegate the day to day management to an executive committee which meets on a regular basis.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion.

The trust operates as a religious community and provides retreats, instruction and support to a wide range of visitors. The trust is also involved in prison visiting and youth camps.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Grant making policies

The charity makes grants to a limited number of organisations in the UK and to a charity that operates an orphanage in Africa.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Achievements and performance

Youth ministry and discipleship

We had 8 young people throughout the Spring and Summer who took part in our discipleship programme. They were from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and the Netherlands. Apart from experiencing the community life, including prayer rhythm and help, they received teachings and guidance during their time with us. Some of these young people stayed for our Summer Youth programme called Gateway, which took place from 21st July to 3rd August.

This year, the focus of Gateway was mission. The first week we spent by training and preparation. The main input and training were led by Br Loarne Ferguson, who was also the main coordinator of our mission. The second week was the mission. Together with the young people we formed two teams – the mission team and the home team. The home team stayed at HOD to look after the place and to pray for the mission. The mission team with Br Loarne went to Chester, where all the outreach activities were happening in the catholic parish of St Francis, and in surrounding area. Apart from outreach for the parish itself, we did street evangelism, took part in an ecumenical event in an Anglican church, and in helping in a local homeless shelter.

The feedback from our young people – the ones who came to the mission, as well as those who were part of the home team, was very positive. It was an unforgettable experience for them as well as for us.

This year in the Spring we also hosted a religious sister from the Czech Republic for two months of her Sabbatical. Apart from prayer, and time spent with us, she was a great help in the garden.

The Retreat Centre

The Retreat House and the Cottage have been used by individual guests and groups as usual. Apart from the self-catering stays, there were a few occasions when we cooked for our guests – e.g. for a confirmation retreat for girls from the Cheltenham Ladies' College, or the usual yearly gathering of Limitless – an organization equipping young leaders in Elim church. A few times we also hosted larger group from local churches in our Tithe Barn.

As always, we also welcomed a number of people of different ages and life circumstances and needs who came to get to know our community or have some time for restoration. They joined us in our prayer life, work, and mealtimes.

Samaritan's Inn Fund

The fund wasn't used this year.

Fundraising

We continued to receive some donations through CAF Donate.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Involvement with local parishes and initiatives

Some of our members continued involvement at St Mary's Childswickham, and some at St Mary's RC Church in Evesham.

We continued being a representative of the Catholic church for the Churches together in Evesham. A couple of community members are part of Evesham Street Pastors who reach out to people and their needs during the night at weekends.

Other networks

Our membership of the ENC continued, and one of our community members is still on the ENC (European Network of Communities) Council committee. Our community also continues to be a member of 'Partners in Action', a network run by A Rocha UK, which is a Christian ecological organization. Also, Gaetana Trimming, the moderator of our leadership team has continued her role on the national CHARIS committee. Our worship team was invited to lead worship during CHARIS General Assembly meeting for charismatic communities and ministries in the Autumn.

Prison ministry

We continued our prison ministry in Eastwood Park Ladies' Prison from January. Our team lead several Sunday ecumenical services. Gaetana, John, Chiara and Silvie are the core team and have been DBS screened. Gaetana is going to have a higher security check and will be able to have keys for the prison gates and also possibilities for one to ones with the inmates.

Friday night Prayer and Praise meetings

Our Friday night meetings for community friends, fellowship and local Christians carried on. We had several invited speakers as well as some community speakers. One of the Fridays was also a special drumming event with musician Terl Bryant. We also hosted a very well attended prayer meeting during the week of Christian unity in January.

Retreats and Quiet Days

We held a retreat day led by Andy Swinford. The title was 'For the Beauty of the Earth'.

Volunteers' days

Volunteers continued to come every Thursday to work in the garden and on the allotment. They also have times of fellowship with community members – coffee in the morning and lunch. This activity provides a service to the local community by offering an opportunity for people to come together, to receive from one another, and from the land and beauty of nature. As our appreciation of the volunteers we put on a special Christmas party for them and their spouses.

Mission/Outreach

Apart from the mission week in Chester, we did a few small outreaches, but mainly a couple of weeks in Uganda, where Gaetana and Silvie led programme of a large Charismatic conference for women. This took place in the north of Uganda, in Lira, and the event was very successful.

This year in December we also invited local people to come to a café day before Christmas. This was a taster of a new regular event that was planned for 2026, called Kairos Café. This is a sustainable café, where we share the produce that we grow ourselves, as well as surplus food from supermarkets that we receive through an organization called Fareshare. People can come and eat for free, or give a donation. This was developed in the following year.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £66,608 (2024 - £160,676) and expenditure £87,520 (2024 - £109,247). General funds carried forward were £120,277 and restricted funds £652.

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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John Trimming
Trustee

HOUSE OF THE OPEN DOOR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOUSE OF THE OPEN DOOR

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of House Of The Open Door for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of House Of The Open Door 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 House Of The Open Door's 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 House Of The Open Door 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 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.



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30 September 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	15,415	-	15,415	138,893
Charitable activities	3	48,182	-	48,182	20,587
Investment income	4	3,011	-	3,011	1,196
Total income		66,608	-	66,608	160,676
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	87,520	-	87,520	109,247
Total expenditure		87,520	-	87,520	109,247
Net (expenditure)/income		(20,912)	-	(20,912)	51,429
Net movement in funds		(20,912)	-	(20,912)	51,429
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		141,189	652	141,841	90,412
Total funds carried forward	11	120,277	652	120,929	141,841

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	934	1,556
		934	1,556
Current assets			
Debtors	9	2,601	2,449
Cash at bank and in hand		120,512	141,574
		123,113	144,023
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,118)	(3,738)
Net current assets		119,995	140,285
Net assets		120,929	141,841
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		652	652
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		120,277	141,189
Total funds	11	120,929	141,841

The financial statements on pages 8 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



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John Trimming
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
House Of The Open Door meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

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

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Gift aid

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Motor vehicles	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computer and PA equipment	33% straight line

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

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities
Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	14,526	14,526	55,965
Legacies	-	-	80,289
Gift aid reclaimed	889	889	889
Other income from donations and legacies	-	-	1,750
	15,415	15,415	138,893

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rent and other income	48,182	48,182	20,587

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,011	3,011	1,196

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Ministry expenses		3,018	3,018	6,036
Grounds		155	155	1,547
Food and household		16,671	16,671	19,773
Maintenance and renewals		2,723	2,723	8,314
Light and heat		16,407	16,407	17,528
Rent paid to Trust		30,492	30,492	30,492
Council tax and water		6,713	6,713	6,601
Insurance		-	-	10,566
Motor costs and travel		2,270	2,270	2,352
Telephone		40	40	227
Printing, stationery and office		3,440	3,440	2,578
Legal and professional		1,995	1,995	-
Bank charges		76	76	72
Independent examination		1,290	1,290	1,290
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		622	622	311
Grant funding of activities	6	1,608	1,608	1,560
		87,520	87,520	109,247

6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions 2025 £	2024 £
Grants	1,608	1,560

7 Trustee and related party transactions

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Gaetana Trimming, wife of John Trimming, a trustee, received £4,800 for providing housekeeping services (2024: £4,800).

The only other payments made to the trustees, or any person connected with them, consisted of reimbursements of expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity in furthering the charity's objects.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Computer and PA equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	4,420	6,897	47,248	58,565
At 31 December 2025	4,420	6,897	47,248	58,565
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	4,420	5,341	47,248	57,009
Charge for the year	-	622	-	622
At 31 December 2025	4,420	5,963	47,248	57,631
Net book value				
At 31 December 2025	-	934	-	934
At 31 December 2024	-	1,556	-	1,556

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	1,323	965
Accrued income	683	889
Other debtors	595	595
	2,601	2,449

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	3,118	3,738

11 Funds

Current year	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	141,189	18,426	(39,338)	120,277
Restricted funds				
Samaritan's Inn Fund	652	-	-	652
Total funds	141,841	18,426	(39,338)	120,929

Prior year	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	89,760	140,776	(89,347)	141,189
Restricted funds				
Samaritan's Inn Fund	652	-	-	652
Total funds	90,412	140,776	(89,347)	141,841

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	934	-	934
Current assets	122,461	652	123,113
Current liabilities	(3,118)	-	(3,118)
Total net assets	120,277	652	120,929

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,556	-	1,556
Current assets	143,371	652	144,023
Current liabilities	(3,738)	-	(3,738)
Total net assets	141,189	652	141,841