Charity Number: 1193378

Whispers of Hope
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Full name Whispers Of Hope

Charity Number 1193378

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192 Grove Road
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Trustees
Deana Elizabeth Korwin-Kochanowski
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Rowan Cronin

Bankers
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Independent examiner
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for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities
The charity's objects are to preserve and protect health and to relieve the needs of women in the United Kingdom who are victims of domestic abuse or sexual trafficking and who are affected by immigration issues and have no recourse to public funds. The charity seeks to achieve these objects through the provision of support, advocacy, practical assistance, and safe services designed to improve the wellbeing and circumstances of its beneficiaries.

We network closely with other organisations and often signpost our beneficiaries to:-
Asylum nursing team
CAB
Asher
New Era
Glow DA housing advocate
Probation
Early Intervention Team

We also work with Vast and NACCOM.

We regularly get referrals from the Police, NHS teams, community nurses, mental health professionals, drug and alcohol services, housing departments, social workers, Harplands Hospital and local charities.

Trustee recruitment method
Trustees are elected by the members at the AGM.
The trustees will retire from office at the AGM – but shall be eligible for re election.

Governance and management
The charity is governed by it's constitution dated 2 October 2019, as amended on 23 January 2021

Public Benefit
The charity's objects were to preserve and protect health and relieve the needs of women in the UK who were victims of domestic abuse or sexual trafficking and who also had immigration issues and no recourse to public funds.

In furtherance of these objects, the charity provided a range of services to vulnerable women, including safe accommodation, wellbeing and emotional support, practical assistance, advocacy, befriending services, and English language support. The charity also worked to support women and their children in recovering from the effects of abuse and exploitation and provided information and guidance to help beneficiaries access appropriate services and support networks.

During the year, the charity continued to deliver its services for the benefit of women experiencing domestic abuse, honour-based violence, and sexual trafficking, particularly those with no recourse to public funds who often face significant barriers in accessing support. Activities were undertaken for the public benefit in accordance with the charity's objectives and resources available during the year.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning activities and setting objectives for the year and are satisfied that the charity's activities furthered its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Due to increasing operating costs and reduced income receipts, plus the lack of volunteers and trustees expertise, the two remaining trustees [the chair of the trustees died in 2025] concluded that the charity could no longer continue operating on a sustainable basis and took the decision to wind up the charity with effect from 31st March 2026. Prior to closure, the charity continued to provide support to beneficiaries and worked to ensure an orderly transition of services where possible. The new Chair of the trustees also died in July 2026 leaving only one remaining trustee.

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

Summary of the main activities undertaken
Total number of women referred this year : 47
Women supported in our Safe house : 8
Women supported in the community : 22 new 36 altogether
Number of children supported : 16
Did not meet our criteria : 6

Support we provided.
Financial eg. Subsistence [house] travel costs, emergency food/ living costs, topping up phone.
Befriending
Getting to and from safespace.
Accessing Universal Credit, opening a bank account, signing up with a GP
Moving into independant accomodation, providing furniture, liasing with services, acting as support worker for first 3 months.
Accessing donations of clothes, toiletries, food, toys.
Advocacy
Bi – weekly cultural food provision [15 families]
Safety planning
Responding in a crisis.
A shoulder to cry on.
People to celebrate their healing with.

We have supported women from 20 different nations.
We have participated in events held by Staffs University violence against women and Girls Hub.
Continued provision of Safespace attendance averaging 10 women per week.
Steady occupancy of Avan House our safe house.
Recruitment and training of volunteers.
Liasing with and developing links with organisations who refer to Whispers of Hope.
Befriending of Beneficiaries.
Resourcing homes when women get leave to remain.
Developing strong links with Emmaus Trust.
Advocating with services on an individuals behalf.
Budgeting awareness.
Partnership working.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

P J Hodgson
Paula Hodgson (Oct 8, 2026 17:19:16 GMT+1)

Name Paula Hodgson

Position Trustee

08/10/26

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Whispers Of Hoper for the year ended 31 March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Whispers Of Hope for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or;
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 08/10/26
Daryl Denson ACMA
VAST

Whispers Of Hope
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	12,715	33530
Fund/Grant	40,713	4900
Other Income	200	3068
Total Receipts	53,629	41498
Payments		
Administrative Costs	146	4242
Community Support	10,314	7049
Insurance Costs	583	549
Office Costs	459	475
Rent & Rates	10,182	8359
Safe Space	4,081	1464
Sundry Expenses	1,539	808
Travel & subsistence	7,559	4860
Utility Costs	2,787	1910
Volunteers Expense	717	1750
Website Costs	344	880
Legal Costs	3,040	-
Wages	5,175	-
governance costs	-	1550
Total Payments	46,927	33896
Net Receipts/Payments	6,701	7602
Cash Funds at start of this period	33,500	25898
Cash Funds at end of this period	**40,201**	33500

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Cash assets	£	£
Current account	40,201	33,500
	40,201	**33,500**

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

Signed P J Hodgson
Paula Hodgson (Oct 8, 2026 17:19:16 GMT+1)

Date 08/10/26

Name Paula Hodgson

Position Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
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1. **Receipts & payments accounts**
   Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. **Trustees and related parties’ remuneration and expenses.**
   No trustees received remuneration during the period.

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