Hope Project (Lesvos)

Annual Accounts

31 December 2025

Registered Charity 1195697

THE HOPE PROJECT

(LESVOS)

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

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1. Introduction

The trustees of Hope Project (Lesvos) present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended December 2025. This report follows the guidelines set by the Charity Commission and complies with the charity's governing document.

The Hope Project has operated in Lesvos, Greece since 2015, providing vital support to refugees and vulnerable local populations. Our goal is to offer dignity, safety, and essential services to those fleeing conflict and hardship. Founded at the height of the refugee crisis, our mission remains rooted in compassion and solidarity: to provide a safe, inclusive space where refugees and vulnerable locals can meet their basic needs, rebuild confidence, and reconnect with their humanity.

2. Objectives and Activities

Our Mission:
To provide aid and support to refugees ,displaced persons and vulnerable locals on the island of Lesvos, focusing on dignity, safety, and access to essential resources.
Our programmes aim to reduce isolation, build resilience, and offer daily stability to people who continue to live in highly uncertain conditions

Objectives:

The charity's primary objectives for the year included:
We have adapted our work to meet rapidly changing needs. With mass arrivals decreasing and camp populations fluctuating (currently around 1,000 refugees on Lesvos), we have shifted from large-scale aid distributions to a community-centred model focused on psychosocial support, inclusion, and wellbeing.

Distributing essential supplies such as clothing, hygiene products, and other non-food items.

Offering psychosocial support, including art and recreational programs, to improve mental health and well-being.

Advocating for the rights and dignity of displaced individuals and supporting vulnerable members of the local community.

Key Activities:

During the first two months of 2025, our final mass distribution reached 1,049 people (244 women, 214 men, 591 children) before we handed over this responsibility to another organisation, allowing us to focus fully on our psychosocial, community, and food programmes.

Our small team of four core staff and around 15 regular volunteers (many from the refugee community) operate seven days a week, supported by long-term partnerships with local and international allies.

Food programme:

Daily meals (2–3 per person), serving approximately 300–1,000 meals each week, ensuring participants could focus on wellbeing rather than waiting in long food lines.
Our community garden supplied fresh vegetables for these meals, reinforcing sustainability and shared purpose.

Advocacy and Collaboration:
Partnered with other organisations and local services to meet emergency needs and improve coordination of aid distribution. This has been handed over enabling us to focus on other projects.

Psychosocial and Educational Programs:
Art, music, and craft workshops offering self-expression and trauma processing.
Language, sewing, and bicycle repair classes to build skills and confidence.
Safe spaces for women and men, fostering dialogue and mutual support.
Cultural and community events that celebrate identity and diversity.

A core part of our approach is inclusion: refugees are not only participants but active members of our team. Many refugees volunteer with us daily, helping run activities, support others, and welcome new arrivals in their own languages—creating genuine community ownership.

3. Achievements and Performance
Distribution Efforts:
Despite challenges such as the decrease in grants and monetary donations, the Hope Project distributed essential items to over 1000 arrivals in the first two months of 2025 and continued to meet the food needs of camp residents serving between 300 to 1000 meals per week throughout the year.

Volunteer Engagement:
Our dedicated team included up to 15 volunteers at a time, many from the refugee community. We provided them with meals, transport assistance, and essential support, enabling them to contribute effectively and foster community connections.

Advocacy and Collaboration:
We maintained strong relationships with other organisations, local services, and advocacy partners, despite the departure of many other groups from the island. This ensured emergency cases were addressed, and support was sustained for the most vulnerable.

Community Impact:
At the Hope Project Centre, between 25–60 people attended daily, participating in a range of activities. Our psychosocial programs reached more than 100 participants in art and educational workshops, promoting creativity, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

Continued operation despite major changes: Perhaps our most important organisational outcome has been our ability to remain open and adapt as the refugee population changed substantially. The estimated camp population fell from approximately 1,200 in January to 300 in July, yet Hope continued operating 7 days a week. We maintained access to food, showers, laundry, clothing, hygiene supplies and creative activities for those who continued to need them, demonstrating our ability to adapt our work while maintaining our core purpose

4. Financial Review
Income: £97,581 (2024: £80,383)
Expenditure: £96,984 (2024: £120,592)
Surplus: £597 (2024: £40,209 deficit)
Reserves: £15,820 (equivalent to approximately 2 months of operations)

5. Governance and Management
Trustees Meetings:
The trustees met regularly throughout the year to review operations, finances, and strategic plans. Key decisions included expanding psychosocial programs, adapting operations in response to policy changes, and strengthening volunteer and community partnerships.

Compliance:
The charity remained compliant with all regulatory requirements, with no safeguarding incidents reported during the period.

Plans for the Future:
Looking ahead, Hope Project (Lesvos) plans to:

Secure additional funding to meet the operational needs due to fluctuating numbers of arrivals and policy changes.

Prepare contingency plans for the potential opening of the Vastria camp, ensuring continuity of services.

Maintain relationships with organisations working with refugees and vulnerable members of the local community, sharing resources, making referrals and avoiding unnecessary duplication of services. Continue to work with local organisations and initiatives supporting people from the Greek community who are experiencing hardship.

6. Conclusion
The trustees express heartfelt gratitude to all donors, volunteers, and partners for their unwavering support. 2025 has been another year of immense challenges, but the collective efforts of our community have ensured that we continue to provide essential support and hope to those who need it most.

Approved by the Trustees on: 27.08.2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name
Mr Peter Beddoes
Position
Chair of Trustees
Date
27.08.2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hope Project (Lesvos)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hope Project (Lesvos) (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 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 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.

Signed:

Name: Philip Hughes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA (member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

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Date 27 Aug 2026

Hope Project (Lesvos)
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	97,581	-	97,581	80,383
Resources expended				
Raising funds	841		841	5,898
Charitable activities	88,953	-	88,953	106,971
Other	7,190		7,190	7,723
Total	96,984	-	96,984	120,592
Net movement in funds	597	-	597	(40,209)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	15,223	-	15,223	55,432
Total funds carried forward	15,820	-	15,820	15,223

Hope Project (Lesvos)
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £		2024 £	
Current assets					
Bank/building society balances		52,845		15,771	
Other current assets and prepayments		975		2,335	
		53,820		18,106	
Current liabilities					
Trade creditors		-		2,883	
Other liabilities and accruals		38,000		-	
		38,000		2,883	
Net current assets			15,820		15,223
Net assets			15,820		15,223
Funds of the charity - unrestricted					
Balance at start of period			15,223		55,432
Net movement in funds			597		(40,209)
Total funds			15,820		15,223

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting basis

These accounts 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.

2 Analysis of expenditure

	2025	2024
Raising funds	£	£
Publicity fees	35	5,130
Website costs	806	768
	841	5,898
Charitable activities		
Refugee Cost - Food	25,498	33,658
Refugee Cost - Clothes	778	1,630
Refugee Cost - Pharmacy / Welfare	278	310
Art Supplies	1,657	1,179
Staffing costs	34,606	34,596
Travel and subsistence	5,023	4,638
Warehouse Rent	14,274	22,592
Warehouse Electricity	3,189	4,132
Warehouse Water	1,584	1,185
Warehouse repairs	2,066	3,051
	88,953	106,971
Other		
Telephone and internet	3,225	2,889
Stationery and printing	217	221
Insurance	485	485
Sundry	123	55
Bank charges	484	482
Accountants fees	2,294	1,712
Tax	354	800
Legal & Professional	8	1,079
	7,190	7,723