

**Bringing Hope**

**Annual Report**

**2022**

# Bringing Hope

## Trustees' Annual Report

### Year ended 31 December 2022

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The trustees, present their report and the unaudited Income and Expenditure account of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Bringing Hope

**Charity registration number** 102576

**Principle office and registered office** 374 Woodstock Road  
Belfast  
Co. Antrim  
BT6 9DQ

**The Trustees** Miss Mary-Jo McMahon  
Mrs Georgina Sands  
Ms Bronagh McMahon  
Mrs Elizabeth McMahon  
Miss Hazel Sands  
Mr James Sands

**Accountants** Phelan & Prescott  
River House  
Home Avenue  
Newry  
Co. Down  
BT34 2DL

## **A Brief History of Bringing Hope**

Bringing Hope was formed on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006 following a discussion among a group of friends to help provide practical help to cancer sufferers, their families, friends and carers. It has grown from those early days of helping a few people to now helping and supporting hundreds of people each year by providing practical help to ease the burden caused by cancer.

## **Objectives and Activities**

We provide care and support services to cancer sufferers and their families by offering the following services:

- Counselling/advice
- Benefits advice
- Group meetings
- Art therapy sessions
- Relaxation therapies
- Easter/Christmas hampers
- Transport to/from medical appointments
- Help with heating cost
- Clothing donations

We also work in partnership and assist with much needed funding for other cancer charities within Northern Ireland.

The trustees have four meetings a year, one of which is an Annual General Meeting.

A funding sub-committee of at least three trustees meets as when required to administer donation of funds to individuals.

## **Charity Income**

The charity receives no government funding nor from any grant making trusts. All income to the charity come from fundraising from the general public through street collections, shopping centres and shops collections. Fundraising events are also organised by individual businesses, schools, youth organisations and churches.

The Trustees have acknowledged the difficulties of fund raising during the Covid pandemic and would like to thank everyone for their generous donations, help and support during 2022. Also a special thanks to all the organisations who organised fundraising events to raise funds for our much needed work.

The trustees would also like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time to help in the various fundraising activities so that we were able to support and help those in need.

The trustees acknowledge the Independent Examiner's Report and the unaudited Income and Expenditure account prepared for the charity, year ended 31 December 2022.

***Mr Jim Sands***

Mr Jim Sands  
Trustee

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees Bringing Hope

Year ended 31 December 2022

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We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the statements of income and expenditure.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

## Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

- 1) That accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act.
- 2) That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
- 3) That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
- 4) That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

We have completed our examination and have identified matters of concern in respect of areas (1) and (2). Sufficient accounting records have not been kept and it was noted that a proportion of the expenditure was made in cash from retained unbanked cash and few receipts were kept. Volunteer expenses have not been able to be fully verified as payments were made in cash. The charity trustees are aware of the importance of maintaining full records of such transactions going forward.

In respect of matters (3) and (4) listed above, and in following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no other matters that require drawing to your attention.



PHELAN & PRESCOTT  
Chartered Accountants  
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Newry

## Bringing Hope

### Public Benefit Reporting

During 2022 Bringing Hope were able to offer advice, make donations and offer help to members of the public, although because of restrictions relating to the outbreak of Covid our work was limited.

#### Donations Made 2022

Gas Donations	3,720.00
Oil Donations	2,750.00
Electricity Donations	3,974.00
Food Hamper donations	2,900.03
Electronic Gift Card Donations	8,055.00
Fuel Donations	3,200.00
Toy Donations	2,650.00
Meeting Clients / Counselling	2,355.00
Transport to hospital Appointments	2,610.00
Clothes Donations	1,845.00
Gift Card Donations	9,060.00
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	<b>£43,119.03</b>

#### Advice Given 2022

Personal Independent Payment – 27  
Universal Credit – 14  
Blue Badge application – 8  
Housing – 2  
Free Health Care Applications - 1

#### Forms Completed 2022

Personal Independence Payment – 16  
Universal Credit - 9  
Blue Badge Application – 14  
Free Health Care Applications - 1

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## INCOME

## EXPENDITURE

## OPENING BALANCE

31,319.91

Woodstock Income	58,492.17
Park Centre Income	29,712.88
Centres Collections	41,345.46

Donations	43,119.03
Shop Rents	10,620.00
Centres Rent	34,684.00
Wages	35,519.00
Volunteer Expenses	8,325.21
Repairs & Renewals	547.50
Shops security systems	3,456.00
Telephone Expenses	1,557.52
Motor Expenses	2,853.52
Retail Systems	1,152.00
Utilities	10,946.36
Marketing Media	1,044.75
Insurances	2,101.61
Bank Charges	529.04
Professional Fees	960.00
Sundry Payments	154.80
Subscriptions	155.00

## TOTAL INCOME

129,550.51

## TOTAL EXPENSES

157,725.34

## CLOSING BALANCE

3,145.08

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