

Bringing Hope

Annual Report

2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees, present their report and the unaudited Income and Expenditure account of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Bringing Hope

Charity registration number 102576

Principle office and registered office 374 Woodstock Road
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The Trustees Mrs Georgina Sands
Ms Bronagh McMahon
Mrs Elizabeth McMahon
Miss Hazel Sands
Mr James Sands

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A Brief History of Bringing Hope

Bringing Hope was formed on 1st 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:

- Benefits advice
- Relaxation therapies
- Easter/Christmas hampers
- Transport arrangements to medical appointments
- Help with living costs
- Clothing donations
- Short respite stays at Hopefield House, Portrush

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 has received no government funding in 2023. We have however been fortunate to receive funds from grant making trusts. All other income to the charity has been from fundraising by the general public through shopping centres and shops collections. Fundraising events are also organised by individual businesses, schools and youth organisations.

We would like to give 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 2023.

Ms Bronagh McMahan

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Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees Bringing Hope

Year ended 31 December 2023

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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). Some misstatements in the accounts provided were identified and corrected accordingly. It was noted that a small proportion of the expenditure was made in cash from retained unbanked cash and some receipts were not kept. 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.



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Public Benefit Reporting

During 2023 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 2023

Gas Donations	7,660.00
Oil Donations	15,710.03
Christmas Hampers	600.00
Respite Care	8,000.00
Tesco Gift Card Donations	17,095.00
	<u>£49,065.03</u>

Advice Given 2023

Personal Independent Payment – 19
Universal Credit – 12
Blue Badge application – 9
Counselling – 72
Transport to Hospital – 89
Clothing – 14
Free Health Care Applications – 4

Forms Completed 2023

Personal Independence Payment – 12
Universal Credit - 8
Blue Badge Application – 6
Free Health Care Applications - 2

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

OPENING BALANCE

3,145.08

Kennedy Centre Collections	61,409.20
Forestside Collections	49,291.06
Cash Donations	11,220.05
Cheque Donations	825.50
Direct Credit Donations	6,234.95
Antrim & Ballymena Donations	3,362.71
Shop Income	6,233.44
Recycling	1,934.00
Grant Income	48,250.00
Haru Clothes Payment	621.28
Centres Refunds	3,900.00
Fundraising Events	1,183.35
P Burton Overpaid	244.00
Amazon Refunds	31.48

Shop Rents	13,320.00
Centres Rent	29,080.00
Oil Donations	15,710.03
Gas Donations	7,660.00
Christmas Hampers	600.00
Gift Cards	17,095.00
Respite Donations	8,000.00
Electricity	7,738.89
Advertisements	1,850.84
Fund Raising Expenses	2,200.43
Volunteer Fuel Expenses	796.00
Van Expenses	2,470.24
Van Hire	994.30
Car Expenses	3,888.94
Telephone Expenses	1,164.20
Bank Fees	344.41
Wages	54,507.44
Haru Clothes Payments	814.98
Computer Expenses	2,151.80
Accountants Fee	1,020.00
Shop Expenses	3,910.38
Shop Maintenance	4,722.97
Printing	2,389.00
Card Reader Expenses	2,359.28
Membership Fees	330.00
Unrecorded Expenses	2,854.62

TOTAL INCOME

194,741.02

TOTAL EXPENSES

187,973.75

CLOSING BALANCE

9,912.35

197,886.10

197,886.10