

Bringing Hope

Annual Report

2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees, present their report and the unaudited Income and Expenditure account of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 Mr Shane Jordan-Rafferty
Ms Bronagh McMahon
Mrs Elizabeth McMahon

Accountants Phelan & Prescott
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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
- Seasonal 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 2024. 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 2024.

Ms Bronagh McMahon
Ms Bronagh McMahon
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees Bringing Hope

Year ended 31 December 2024

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the statement 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. The charity trustees are aware of the importance of maintaining full records on all 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
River House
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21 March 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

OPENING BALANCE

9,912.35

Grant Income	17,650.00
Collections	31,041.21
Shop Income	37,237.72
Donations	4,630.59
Recycling Income	2,127.77
Card Donations	27,742.21
Sum Up Donations	62,633.37
Fundraising	24,140.43
Other	186.32

Donations	36,045.00
Rents	36,116.00
Phone & Broad Band	3,421.44
Heat & Light	9,594.75
Insurances	2,562.54
Shop Repairs	843.02
Promotional Costs	2,685.88
Wages	53,924.84
Volunteer Expenses	34,033.94
Transport Costs	872.22
Van Costs	4,520.00
Car Repayments	3,060.00
Accountancy Fees	1,740.00
Solicitor Fees	1,292.00
Printing, Posage & stationary	357.38
Till Expenses	982.92
From Sum Up	16,869.15
Subs	499.67
Bank Fees	1,204.23
Petty Cash	300.00

TOTAL INCOME

207,389.62

TOTAL EXPENSES

210,924.98

CLOSING BALANCE

6,376.99217,301.97217,301.97

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Public Benefit Reporting

During 2024 Bringing Hope were able to offer advice, make donations and offer help to members of the public.

Donations Made 2024

Care Donations	2,805.00
Gift Card Donations	27,240.00
Respite Care	6,000.00
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	£36,045.00

Advice Given 2024

Personal Independent Payment – 10
Universal Credit – 6
Blue Badge application – 2
Counselling – 10
Transport to Hospital – 130
Clothing – 5
Free Health Care Applications – 15

Forms Completed 2024

Personal Independence Payment – 2
Universal Credit - 0
Blue Badge Application – 0
Free Health Care Applications - 10