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Charity Name Hope Magherafelt

**HOPE MAGHERAFELT**

(Limited by Guarantee)

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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## Information

Trustees	Paul W Stewart Samuel J Fulton Elizabeth Rowan
Trustee Secretary	Jennifer Thompson
Registration Number	NI631531
Charity Number	NIC102799
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## Trustees Annual Report

### For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

#### Objectives and Activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit, to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Hope Magherafelt aims to serve the local community, through local authorities and other organisations, in a collective effort to relieve poverty, advance education and provide facilities with the intent of improving the conditions of the community in areas of need and short-term crisis. Taking a holistic approach, we care for the physical, mental and emotional needs of individuals and families we meet. As a Christian charity, we are also interested in supporting people's spiritual needs.

Our Foodbank continues to be part of a UK wide network of foodbanks in connection with the Trussell Trust. We continue to be supported with donations from local Churches, Supermarkets, Individuals & Businesses, enabling us, through our voucher system, to support those in need with 3 days' emergency food for the family. In addition, we provide a listening ear and an opportunity to direct those in need of further support to other programmes and organisations within the area.

We provide a cooking and budgeting programme called 'Eat Well Spend Less', an initiative to help educate people on healthy eating and budgeting.

Our free CAP Debt Counselling Service is run in partnership with the award-winning UK-wide charity called CAP – Christians Against Poverty. We offer hope and a solution to anyone in debt through confidential home visits, hands-on expert advice, and practical assistance that empowers people to help themselves out of debt, while teaching essential budgeting skills that will last a lifetime. All of this is carried out with the support of a CAP befriender who journeys with the client throughout the process.

Through our CAP money course, either in a group or one to one setting, we explain basic money skills and how a client can take control of his or her personal finances. This helps people to gain a better knowledge of what they earn and spend, how to set up a manageable budget, get their accounts in order and learn how to save.

Hope Filled Befriending is a project which we developed and piloted at the end of 2020. It exists to support those who feel lonely and isolated within our community. We make an appropriate match to a befriender, someone who is in regular contact either by phone or in person, perhaps over a tea/coffee. This can help encourage a person who may be feeling isolated back into the community.

In partnership with a local qualified counsellor from Virtue Counselling, we provide free counselling support to those referred by both our own projects and our referral partners, thus offering one to one mental health support.

Our Honesty Box Café, which opened in July 2021 is an open door to our projects. This is a safe environment where people can come with family/friends, or on their own, for light refreshments. If they would like a chat, our volunteers are there for conversation or support, to guide those in crisis who don't know where to turn.

### **Achievements and Performance (including Impact and Benefits)**

Ever since the Covid 19 pandemic, we have had to continue to adapt our services, to provide much-needed support throughout the community.

#### **Notable Achievements for 2022, throughout all our projects:**

- We were supported by 40 regular volunteers who gave approximately 1450 hours of their time to our charity.
- We fed 1182 people - 669 Adults and 513 Children.
- We collected 13.9 tonnes of food.
- We distributed 14.5 tonnes of food - approximately 41 thousand meals.
- We supported 18 cases, totalling 30 individuals/families with an estimated combined total debt of approximately £140k.
- Across all projects, we provided a befriending experience for approximately 220 hours.
- We organised a Wellbeing and Resilience event for clients from across all projects, delivered by a qualified counsellor. Attended by 20 clients and very well received.

#### **CHRISTMAS**

In addition to our regular services, the following projects took place over the Christmas period:

- We created and distributed/delivered 516 Christmas Hampers, 220 single & 296 family.
- We supported 290 families with meat vouchers.
- We wrapped & distributed 817 pairs of Christmas pyjamas.
- We partnered with 26 local referral agencies to meet this need.
- At Christmas alone we were supported by 103 volunteers over 220 hours.

We have had to choose this year to cut back on availability of some of our projects (in particular Befriending and Counselling) in order to focus on our 2 main projects - Foodbank and CAP Debt help. This is because of a current shortage of personnel to effectively manage more than this. It is our experience that both of our main projects are encountering families/individuals with increasingly more difficult situations, therefore requiring more time & support over a longer period.

To help manage these difficult situations effectively, we continue to strengthen our relationships with referral partners. This allows for a more co-ordinated approach, providing stronger and more holistic support for those connected to our projects.

Statistics alone (see bullet points above) are, of course, not the only way we measure impact. We believe the power of a story brings strength and builds a better picture of what we do, and we have a wealth of stories which are shared on a regular basis with staff, volunteers and Trustees.

These stories, demonstrating, for example, families beginning to clear debt and manage mental health issues, are an encouragement to all involved with Hope Magherafelt, and clearly illustrate the impact of love and compassion which cannot be conveyed by statistics alone.

We constantly strive to bring benefit to our community by proactively sourcing funding or other support and help. During 2022, the continued financial support received from Trussell Trust, Mid Ulster District Council, local businesses and individuals, along with gifts-in-kind were very much appreciated during what has continued to be an uncertain and challenging time.

### Structure and Governance and Management

Hope Magherafelt Ltd is a registered company and limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Company, as set up by the Act, is required to appoint Trustees to manage and ensure the proper running of the charity, in accordance with its Articles of Association.

### Trustees



Trustees who served throughout the year were as follows;

Paul Wallace Stewart  
Samuel John Fulton  
Elizabeth A D Rowan

### Declarations

The Company has taken advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the report above.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report.

Signed:	<u></u>	<u></u>
Print Name:	<u>JOHN FULTON.</u>	<u>PAUL STEWART</u>
Position:	<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Trustee</u>
Date:	<u>5<sup>th</sup> July 2023</u>	