

BRINGING HOPE

Bringing Hope

(A charitable company limited by guarantee)

Trustee Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2009

Charity Number 1122288
Company number 6271245



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The Trustee Board presents its report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Bringing Hope
Charity Registration Number:	1122288
Company Registration Number:	6271245
Registered office:	619 Bordesley Green Birmingham B9 5XZ

Trustee Board

Rev Robin Thompson	Chair
Mr Richard Nicol	Vice Chair
Mr Jonathan Rattley	
Rev Carver Anderson	
Mr Marvin Thomas	

Secretary;	Mrs Nicola Smith
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Accountants	D Seeley & Company 40 Bear Hill, Alvechurch Birmingham, B48 7JX
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Bank	The Cooperative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
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Purpose and Aims

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. Its governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles dated 6 June 2007 and amended 19 November 2007. Membership is at the invitation of the Board of Trustees/Directors, and all members become directors of the company.

Purpose:

To see positive and sustainable transformation and reformation through God's love, action and word for those who are broken, marginalised and where hopelessness is a way of life and thinking.

Aims:

- To support and help alleviate the challenges of vulnerable individuals and groups, particularly those whose lives are caught in a continual cycle of hopelessness.
- To work in partnership with statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations and charities who are seeking to alleviate and improve the life chances of those affected by a lack of real life changing opportunities.

Our aims fully reflect the objectives that the charity was set up to further:

- To advance the Christian faith
- The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, particularly those who are affected directly or indirectly through the misuse of drugs, alcohol, guns and knives;
- Providing training, education and pastoral care to those at risk in relation to the above;
- To provide or to assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for education, recreation or other leisure use by individuals who have need of such facilities with the object of improving their conditions of life;
- Engaging with Christian groups in order to promote prayer and missionary activities in line with Bringing Hope's focus; and
- The advancement of community development, community safety, social cohesion and capacity building, including by promoting acceptance of diversity of race, culture, age, ability and other characteristics.

In summary, the work we deliver focuses on the transformation and reformation for the better of those who are in conditions of need and who have been affected by a sense of hopelessness whereby real life opportunities for change are limited and to proactively support other agencies who seek to help them.

We are influenced and guided by our Christian ethos, values and core principles that we believe can make a positive difference to people's lives. Our beliefs maintain that all people are equal in the sight of God and therefore we work with all individuals and groups irrespective of their backgrounds, faith, personal circumstances and philosophies.

Activities and Achievements

Our work can be divided into six separate areas designed to strategically address the issues faced by our service users and empower those who work with them. This is done with careful reflection on the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

- Listening/Awareness raising events
- Partnership Meetings
- Capacity building workshops and presentations
- Coaching and Mentoring youth-led social enterprises
- Community and Church support
- Central and Local government representation

Listening and Awareness raising events

Bringing Hope is viewed as an interface between different sectors and strands in the community. This has been evident through events that we have held from our inception to build bridges of understanding between groups and agencies. In turn members of the public have a greater understanding of how agencies operate and those agencies are provided with insight, which will help them shape how they work with the groups.

This is achieved by having one group share their experiences while another group listens and learns about good and bad practice in working with them.

In May 2008 we held an event for Church leaders to help them understand the challenges faced by people in the community who have lost loved ones to violent crime with the aim that they would be better informed and equipped to address a similar family/community crisis should it occur in their neighbourhood. This event attracted representation from Christian leaders such as the Archbishop of York and others committed to providing the best support to vulnerable and marginalized groups. Speakers included Gee Walker who lost her son Anthony in a vicious race related attack in Liverpool two years ago. As a result of this event one youth leader has arranged annual retreats for young people at a youth centre that he oversees to allow them to gain a different life perspective outside of the urban context to enable them to make better life choices.

The mums who had lost their children had never met before and following this event they forged a network of support together with Bringing Hope.

Partnership Meetings

Bringing Hope often receives requests for partnership work from contact made through events or presentations. These requests also come through groups Directors are already associated with.

This year we received requests from charities such as The Prince's Trust who are seeking to work with church-based projects centred on tackling gun, knife and gang culture. Bringing Hope is working with them as they investigate and discuss the strategy and developments to create these partnerships.

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Bringing Hope has also met with the Head of Training at the New Testament Church of God (NTCG) – the largest and one of the oldest Black majority churches in the UK. They have asked Bringing Hope to potentially be a part of the training programme around working with “at risk” young people.

To help to build our own capacity to help vulnerable groups Bringing Hope is in talks with Responding to Crisis, a Birmingham based international agency, which specialises in mediation in high conflict areas. This skill would enable Bringing Hope to mediate in the event of a community crisis and to also train others to mediate in similar situations.

Capacity Building Workshops and Presentations

This year, Bringing Hope has been called upon to facilitate seminars to the NSPCC and to newly qualified social workers (NQSW) to provide insight into the challenges faced by children, young people and families from disadvantaged and vulnerable communities.

Consequently, this activity is of public benefit as those working in this sector are equipped to acknowledge the underlying issues affecting these said groups and recognise and address the symptoms of antisocial behaviour, which in turn affects the wider community. With this knowledge they can be more effective in their work as they have been informed to address these issues.

Both the NSPCC and NQSW welcomed Bringing Hope’s input and further discussions are in place with them to regularly provide these sessions.

Coaching and Mentoring youth-led social enterprises

Bringing Hope has forged a relationship with young people who have set up a social enterprise to make a positive contribution to their community, turning their backs on crime and substance misuse.

Bringing Hope trustees have provided practical, pastoral and coaching support as they set up these initiatives from helping them with the production of policy documents, to listening to any issues they have encountered which has caused them personal concern.

These young entrepreneurs in turn become mentors for their peers and are living proof in the community of two things.

- Firstly, they do not conform to the negative image of young people often touted in the media, and
- Secondly, that it is possible for a young person who did commit offences to be transformed to be a benefit to themselves, their peers, their family and the community.

Community and Church support

Bringing Hope is committed to enable the Church and the wider community to address and be equipped to respond to the underlying issues of violent crime and substance misuse. Throughout the year this has been delivered through awareness raising workshops requested by Church and community leaders across the country.

Bringing Hope has also provided support to churches and communities in crisis. One such example includes support Bringing Hope provided to a Derby-based pastor following the fatal shooting of a young man at the end of last year.

Central and Local government representation

The organisation represents the faith sector on Be Birmingham Strategic Partnership, a local government consortium responsible for planning and delivering strategy to improve life for those who live and work in the city.

Our role is to provide accountability and strategic advice around children and young people from a faith based perspective to ensure that strategy is being implemented fairly and with integrity.

We also provide advice and guidance to the Home Office around policy to control and enforce a reduction in gun and gang crime.

Financial Report

Financial Review

Prior to 31 March 2008 the charity operated as a part of the Diocese of Birmingham. It has been financially independent since 1 April 2008. On its commencement as a stand-alone organisation it received a grant from the diocese. It has also received grants from other organisations and charitable bodies to assist it with staffing costs and general expenses. The charity is continuing to seek new sources of funding, including active fundraising activities. The charity achieved a surplus on the General Fund of £7,749 during the year which is being carried forward to assist with operating expenses.

Reserves Policy

As the Charity is still in its infancy as a stand-alone organisation it has not yet formulated a reserves policy. The Board expects to develop this over time as it grows. It is not the expectation or intention of the Board that high levels of reserves will be required.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



21.9.2009....

Date

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCOUNTS

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with company law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRINGING HOPE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and reporting accountants

As described on page 6 the trustees, who are also the directors of Bringing Hope for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act; as amended; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes 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. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence which would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect , the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 226A of the Companies Act 1985 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- 2 to which in my opinion , attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Seeley FCA
40 Bear Hill
Alvechurch

21 September 2009

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	General Funds	Restricted Revenue	Total Funds 2009	Total Funds 2008
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	28,865	13,111	41,976	-
Activities for generating funds	3	150	-	150	-
Investment income		167	-	167	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		<u>29,182</u>	<u>13,111</u>	<u>42,293</u>	<u>-</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income					
		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	2,722	500	3,222	-
Governance costs	4	18,711	12,611	31,322	-
Total resources expended		<u>21,433</u>	<u>13,111</u>	<u>34,544</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net incoming resources</i>		7,749	-	7,749	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>7,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,749</u>	<u>-</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	150	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,789</u>	<u>-</u>
		15,939	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	8,190	-
Net current assets		<u>7,749</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,749</u>	<u>-</u>
FUNDS			
General	12	7,749	-
		<u>7,749</u>	<u>-</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company was entitled to exemption under subsection 2 of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985 and that members have not required an audit in accordance with subsection 2 of section 249A.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

and signed on its behalf by



21.9.2009

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these accounts

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Incoming resources

Grants and contributions:

Grants and contributions, including capital grants, are included in incoming resources when these are receivable unless they specifically relate to activities or expenditure to be undertaken in a subsequent accounting period in which case they are deferred to match the timing of that activity or expense.

Income from commercial activities:

Income from commercial activities is included in the period in which the group is entitled to receipt.

Interest:

Interest is included when receivable by the charity.

Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Other costs which are attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of estimated expenditure.

The charity does not currently operate any pension scheme for its employees.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure on capital items costing in excess of £500 per item is generally capitalised, except where the assets are considered to have a useful life of less than two years or where they have been purchased with grant monies and the grant making body recognises such items as revenue rather than capital expenditure. This is a departure from company law and accounting standards but the overall effect is not considered significant. Items costing less than £500 are written off to revenue.

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees
- Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 LEGAL STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

3 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Revenue	Total Funds 2009	Total Funds 2008
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income				
Grants	25,461	12,611	38,072	-
Donations and other income	3,404	500	3,904	-
	<u>28,865</u>	<u>13,111</u>	<u>41,976</u>	<u>-</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Fees	150	-	150	-
	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

4 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Revenue	Total Funds 2009	Total Funds 2008
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Staffing	1,944	500	2,444	-
Premises	228	-	228	-
Donations	550	-	550	-
	<u>2,722</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>3,222</u>	<u>-</u>
Governance costs				
Accountancy	690	-	690	-
Repairs and renewals	422	-	422	-
Staffing	11,794	12,611	24,405	-
Premises	3,163	-	3,163	-
Sundries	618	-	618	-
Telephone, postage and stationery	2,024	-	2,024	-
	<u>18,711</u>	<u>12,611</u>	<u>31,322</u>	<u>-</u>

5 STAFF COSTS

	2009	2008
	£	£
Staff wages and salaries	22,253	-
Social security contributions	2,152	-
Staff recruitment, training and other costs	2,444	-
	<u>26,849</u>	<u>-</u>

No trustee received any salary during the year. Trustees did receive reimbursement of travel expenses of £1,264 (2008: nil) incurred in carrying out charitable activities. In addition the charity received a grant of £500 specifically to pay for the costs of ordination of Rev R Thompson, the chair of the charity.

6 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2009	2008
	£	£
Reporting Accountants' remuneration:		
As Reporting Accountant	517	-
Other services	173	-
	<u>690</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

7 STAFF NUMBERS

The average number of full time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) was:

	2009	2008
Administration	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

8 DEBTORS

	2009	2008
	£	£
Debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	150	-
	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>

9 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2009	2008
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Prepaid income	7,500	-
Accruals	690	-
	<u>8,190</u>	<u>-</u>

10 DEFERRED INCOME

	£
Balance at 1 April 2008	-
Released to incoming resources	-
Amount deferred in year	7,500
Balance at 31 March 2009	<u>7,500</u>

Deferred income comprises restricted grant monies received in respect of subsequent year's salary payments.

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1 April 2008 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2009 £
Staff salaries and costs	-	13,111	(13,111)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,111</u>	<u>(13,111)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Grants have been received to assist with salaries and related staff costs.

12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	8,289	7,500	15,789
Other net current liabilities	<u>(540)</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>	<u>(8,040)</u>
	<u>7,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,749</u>

13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with any related parties during the year. (2008: £nil)

14 ULTIMATE CONTROL

The trustees do not consider the company to be under the control of any other party or organisation.

15 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The trustees are not aware of any contingent liabilities for which provision has not been made in the financial statements.

16 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the balance sheet date there were no outstanding amounts in respect of capital expenditure which had been either authorised or contracted for. (2008: £Nil)