

BRINGING HOPE

Bringing Hope
(A charitable company limited by guarantee)

Trustee Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2010

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 2010

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Bringing Hope

Charity Registration Number: 1122288

Company Registration Number: 6271245

Registered office: 23 Coleshill Street,
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Birmingham
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Board of Trustees

Rev Robin Thompson	Chair
Mr Richard Nicol	Vice Chair
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Rev Carver Anderson	

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Bringing Hope
Year Ended 31 March 2010

Purposes and Aims

Bringing Hope's Strategic Aim

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

To support vulnerable individuals and groups, particularly those who are caught up in a continual cycle of hopelessness and help to alleviate the challenges they are facing

To work in partnership with statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations and charities who are seeking to alleviate and improve the prospects of those affected by a lack of life changing opportunities

Bringing Hope Charitable Objectives

- 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

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

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Bringing Hope's sole employee is our Co-ordinator and therefore the vast majority of our work is carried out through the voluntary effort of Directors. This has considerable impact on our ability to extend our work in response to demand. To address this the trustees have been concentrating on developing a strategic plan and securing resources to increase our capacity to deliver the work that is required.

Despite these limitations some valuable work has been delivered.

1 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 individuals, 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 whilst another group listens and learns about good and bad practice in working with them.

In February 2010, Bringing Hope hosted a significant national event for the first time since becoming a charity. The event was called 'Owning the Vision'. The aim was to invite people from around the country including all the key organisations and individuals that have worked with Bringing Hope on the ground in partnership.

The event's objective was to begin to create a UK wide network of friends and supporters of Bringing Hope bringing together participants from all sectors i.e. Public, Private, Voluntary Community and Faith. This would enable everyone to meet each other and allow us all to take stock of the Vision and Mission of Bringing Hope and more importantly to help the emerging network understand how our work and activities fit together.

The event was attended by 50 people who deemed it to be a great success and something which the Board has taken great encouragement from and giving us the confidence to move the vision forward and seize the opportunity and real potential for national impact with a stronger possibility of attracting key investment for better establishing the charity.

2 Partnerships

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

This year we received requests from a variety of organisations and charities such as HMP Winson Green through the prison service who called upon Bringing Hope's service in Birmingham. The prison is the second largest Category B prison in the UK. We were invited to take part in the prison's Black History Month event to talk directly to prisoners about the impact of guns and gangs and more particularly that it is possible for those involved to desist from gang related lifestyles.

Following the event, through feedback from the prisoners, Bringing Hope along with one of its key partners, Shalom Consultancy and Counselling Practice, was invited to come back to discuss how a more long term programme to engage the prisoners in a sustained way could be established. The aim would be to assist the prison with its resettlement strategy with Bringing Hope and partners acting as a community broker to engage gang members and support their

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re-entry back into the wider community This programme would also include counselling and therapeutic work with prisoners, identified as needing support

As an aspect of partnership support and delivery, Bringing Hope was requested to be strategic chair for one of Birmingham's leading youth development community organisations (Young Disciples Ltd), which plays a leading role in engaging and working with some of the most disaffected and socially excluded families in North West Birmingham

Shalom Consultancy and Young Disciples Youth Development Project are our key partners around intervention and delivery to disaffected families Our work, however, also includes work with other groups and networks within the faith, statutory, community and voluntary sectors

3 Capacity Building Workshops and Presentations

During the early part of 2010, Bringing Hope has been called upon to facilitate a seminar and workshop style presentation in the City of Leeds Shabach is a local youth based outreach project that seeks to engage with young people in Leeds through the creative arts This unique event attracts over 200 young people on a regular basis

The event aims to empower young people and help them explore creative alternative options and, for those who attend, how they can become positive role models for their peer group and become volunteers in their local community

Consequently, this activity could be of great public benefit as those seeking to work in this sector are equipped to acknowledge the underlying issues affecting their peer 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 how to address these issues

4 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 continue to provide 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 have 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 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

5 Community and Church support

Bringing Hope is committed to enabling 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

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The Church of God of Prophecy, through one of its key churches in the West Midlands requested Bringing Hope personnel to facilitate a leadership training day for one of their Regional Church Leadership Management Group. The goal was to help them think and re-shape their business plan and outreach strategy for the next 3 years.

Bringing Hope will continue to work with the church to enable its Leadership Management Group to think and act outside of their comfort zone and establish a key partnership and support network for the local people surrounding their church.

6 Central and Local government representation

Bringing Hope provides a representative for 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 strategic advice around children and young people from a faith based perspective at grass root level and to hold the partnership to account to ensure that strategy is being implemented fairly and with integrity.

We also provide advice and guidance to the Home Office and other Government departments around policy to control and enforce a reduction in gun and gang crime. Bringing Hope is represented around The Home Secretary's Round Table relating to the Strategic thinking and policy implications associated with the guns and gang agenda. We have also had representation within a Birmingham context, where we have contributed to the discussions and thinking around the Birmingham Reducing Gang Violence Table, where a multi-agency approach is considered, towards tackling gang associated issues and challenges.

Financial Report

Financial Review

The charity has continued to receive specific funding to assist with the salary for the co-ordinator. Other grants and donations totalling £6,084 were received but these were insufficient to cover the charitable activities and remaining salary costs and other governance and administration costs. As a result there was a net deficit on general activities for the year of £10,125. Reserves brought forward were £7,749 and the net deficit carried forward was £2,376. The charity is at an advanced stage of discussions with potential funders and is confident that new grants will be received in the near future which will eliminate the deficit and enable it to deliver its charitable objectives at a high level. The trustees therefore believe it is appropriate to prepare these accounts on a going concern basis.

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




R. THOMPSON

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Date 20 9. 2010

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCOUNTS

The trustees (who are also directors of Bringing Hope for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRINGING HOPE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 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 accounts. 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
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23 September 2010

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	General Funds	Restricted Revenue	Total Funds 2010	Total Funds 2009
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	6,084	15,000	21,084	41,976
Activities for generating funds	3	-	-	-	150
Investment income		14	-	14	167
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		<u>6,098</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>21,098</u>	<u>42,293</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	2,821	-	2,821	3,222
Governance costs	4	13,402	15,000	28,402	31,322
Total resources expended		<u>16,223</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>31,223</u>	<u>34,544</u>
<i>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources</i>		(10,125)	-	(10,125)	7,749
Funds brought forward		7,749	-	7,749	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>(2,376)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,376)</u>	<u>7,749</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	255	150
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>5,609</u>	<u>15,789</u>
		5,864	15,939
Creditors amounts falling due within one year			
	9	8,240	8,190
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(2,376)</u>	<u>7,749</u>
NET ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(2,376)</u>	<u>7,749</u>
FUNDS			
General	12	(2,376)	7,749
Restricted	11	-	-
		<u>(2,376)</u>	<u>-</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2010 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under subsection 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting standards and the preparation of accounts

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20.4.2010 and signed on its behalf by



Rev R Thompson
Trustee/Director

Company Registration Number 6271245

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 April 2008) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. 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 2010	Total Funds 2009
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income				
Grants	4,434	15,000	19,434	38,072
Donations and other income	1,650	-	1,650	3,904
	<u>6,084</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>21,084</u>	<u>41,976</u>
Activities for generating funds				
Fees	-	-	-	150
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>

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4 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Revenue	Total Funds 2010	Total Funds 2009
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Staffing	-	-	-	2,444
Activities	2,821	-	2,821	228
Donations	-	-	-	550
	<u>2,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,821</u>	<u>3,222</u>
Governance costs				
Accountancy	740	-	740	690
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	422
Staffing	7,409	15,000	22,409	24,405
Premises	3,741	-	3,741	3,163
Sundries	141	-	141	618
Telephone, postage and stationery	1,371	-	1,371	2,024
	<u>13,402</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>28,402</u>	<u>31,322</u>

5 STAFF COSTS

	2010	2009
	£	£
Staff wages and salaries	20,297	22,253
Social security contributions	2,112	2,152
Staff recruitment, training and other costs	-	2,444
	<u>22,409</u>	<u>26,849</u>

No trustee received any salary during the year. Trustees did not receive reimbursement of any expenses (2009 £1,264) incurred in carrying out charitable activities. During 2009 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

	2010	2009
	£	£
Reporting Accountants' remuneration		
As Reporting Accountant	530	517
Other services	<u>210</u>	<u>173</u>

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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

	2010	2009
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

8 DEBTORS

	2010 £	2009 £
Debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	255	150
	<u>255</u>	<u>150</u>

9 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2010 £	2009 £
Trade creditors	-	-
Prepaid income	7,500	7,500
Accruals	740	690
	<u>8,240</u>	<u>8,190</u>

10 DEFERRED INCOME

	£
Balance at 1 April 2009	7,500
Released to incoming resources	(7,500)
Amount deferred in year	<u>7,500</u>
Balance at 31 March 2010	<u>7,500</u>

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

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11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1 April 2009 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2010 £
Staff salaries and costs	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(15,000)</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	(1,891)	7,500	5,609
Other net current liabilities	<u>(485)</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>	<u>(7,985)</u>
	<u>(2,376)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,376)</u>

13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with any related parties during the year (2009 £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 (2009 £Nil)