BAY OF HOPE SCIO

Scottish Charity No SC051545

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st March 2026

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Reference And Administrative Details

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Charity Registration No: SC051545

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	Brett Nicolls	Treasurer
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	Pauline McCroley	
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	Lesley Ross	

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Bay of Hope SCIO **Charity Number: SC051545**

Trustees' Annual Report 2025/2026

Introduction

Bay of Hope is a Scottish Incorporated Charity (SCIO) dedicated to uplifting vulnerable individuals in rural communities across rural parts of Uganda. Since our founding in 2020, we have worked closely with our Ugandan sister organisation, Bay of Hope International Ltd, to deliver life-changing support through community-rooted interventions. This year marks our sixth year of committed service, guided by our constitution and under the oversight of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Bay of Hope Charity purposes are:

(a) The relief of poverty by supporting children and their families in rural Uganda including the payment of school fees and the buying of school uniforms

(b) The advancement of education including the management of a child sponsorship programme in rural Uganda. This will enable children from disadvantaged communities to receive a formal education

(c) The advancement of health by providing humanitarian support, including the provision of medication and food parcels to those in need in rural Uganda.

(d) To deliver the above humanitarian support through a connected organisation, Bay of Hope International Ltd, based in Uganda

Executive Summary

Bay of Hope's 2025/2026 reporting year reflects significant growth, organisational resilience, and renewed hope for the children and families we serve.

Despite financial constraints and the withdrawal of several sponsors, the organisation continued to deliver life-changing, high-impact support across all program pillars. The leadership team provided insightful and steady direction, ensuring that emerging challenges were met with calm, calculated, and coordinated responses.

Bay of Hope remains firmly committed to safeguarding children, restoring families, expanding access to education, and strengthening community partnerships. These commitments have guided our work throughout the year and continue to shape our long-term strategy.

To ensure sustainability, our Ugandan staff received training in financial literacy and basic business skills, equipping them with tools to reduce reliance on monthly wages alone and to model sustainable livelihood practices.

Although lack of start-up capital remains a challenge, caregivers have begun exploring income-generating initiatives. One caregiver has already launched a small laundry service to raise capital, an encouraging step toward household resilience and a reduction in dependency on direct support.

These skills are intended to be passed on to the families we support, strengthening community self-reliance.

A key success story this year is Alan (name changed), a sponsored child who successfully completed his Ordinary Level education through Bay of Hope's child sponsorship program. He now plans to join a technical training institute to pursue his ambition of becoming an electrical engineer, demonstrating the long-term impact of sustained educational sponsorship.

Another success story is that of Omodo (name changed to protect identity), a sponsored child who has been supported by Bay of Hope for the past three years. When we first met him, Omodo could not speak a word of English.

Today, he assists his mother in managing a small business in the local market, taking responsibility for most of the administration and financial record-keeping. His contribution has strengthened the business, enabling it to grow steadily and provide the entire family with a reliable source of income.

Bay of Hope enters the next reporting period with strengthened resolve, clear priorities, and a continued commitment to transforming lives through protection, education, empowerment, and hope.

Over the past year, our leadership team has demonstrated consistent strategic oversight, calm and coordinated responses to operational challenges, and a sustained commitment to strengthening safeguarding and case-management systems.

Communication with partners, sponsors, and community stakeholders has also improved significantly. Their collective guidance has ensured organisational stability during a period marked by financial uncertainty.

Child Protection, Care & Family Reunification

Leo's case — Leo (name changed), who was abandoned at a nursery five years ago, continues to thrive at Hope House (Children's home).

He has re-established a meaningful relationship with his father, who now visits regularly. These consistent interactions have strengthened their bond and contributed positively to Leo's emotional development and overall wellbeing.

Emmanuel's case — Emmanuel (name changed), a survivor of sexual exploitation, remains under our care and is now in Senior 4.

He continues to receive counselling and has shown notable improvements in emotional stability and academic performance. Emmanuel has reconnected with his family and now spends school holidays with them, reinforcing family ties and supporting his long-term recovery.

Education Support & Academic Outcomes

Bay of Hope now supports 45 vulnerable children, ensuring they have the resources needed to succeed in school.

Educational Support Provided

- Books, pens, jotters
- School uniforms
- Payment of school fees
- Daily access to a warm, nutritious meal

These meals have become a primary source of nutrition, improving concentration, attendance, and wellbeing.

Bay of hope, facilitated a training of five caregivers on positive discipline and the Bay of Hope Child Protection Policy and delivered sessions on alternatives to corporal punishment within local schools, particularly one in which sponsored young people study.

Since delivering these sessions, there have been zero new corporal punishment cases reported from trained households and partner schools.

We responded to two children at risk referrals and provided oversight to ensure the children were relocated to safe kinship care within 48 hours of reporting.

Young people supported by Bay of Hope through our child sponsorship program reported 100% school attendance and improved grades across all subjects, demonstrating the effectiveness of our educational support model.

These positive outcomes reflect the impact of consistent access to education and nutritious daily meals, which continue to strengthen learners' concentration, motivation, and overall academic performance.Bay of Hope's reputation has strengthened significantly, attracting new partnerships and collaborative opportunities.

Healing Memories Ministry (South Africa) A conflict-resolution organisation working in war-affected regions. Bay of Hope International supported their Stop Human Trafficking Campaign in August 2026.

Kisoro District School Partnership A local school in western Uganda has proposed a partnership to support vulnerable young people in their community. We are looking at details of the proposed partnership to evaluate its alignment with Bay of Hope Objectives.

These partnerships reflect growing trust in Bay of Hope's mission and impact.

Infrastructure Development

Children's Home Expansion

Construction has commenced on the main block of the children's home, which will accommodate:

- 10 vulnerable young people
- A dedicated room for a house mother

This expansion is in addition to the 6 children already in our care.

The first phase of the construction project is estimated at £30,000. Due to financial constraints, the work is being completed in affordable phases, with close monitoring of expenditure to ensure responsible use of resources. Bay of Hope has so far raised £8,000, which has enabled the commencement of construction.

The need for this facility remains significant, as Bay of Hope International continues to receive referrals from community leaders, religious organisations, and the local police. Establishing this accommodation block will strengthen our ability to respond promptly to referrals and provide safe housing at the point of contact, ensuring vulnerable young people receive timely protection and support

The organisation faced significant financial pressure due to:

- Sponsors withdrawing mid-year
- Reduced income streams
- Increased operational demands
- Unsuccessful grant applications

This created a substantial gap in organisational revenue.

Bay of Hope achieved several important milestones in strengthening its financial and digital capacity this year:

- Website completion. The Bay of Hope website was successfully completed in July 2026. This platform expands our visibility, enabling us to reach a wider audience and attract potential funders and individual sponsors.
- PayPal automation. Work is ongoing to automate PayPal payments for international donations. This development will facilitate seamless online contributions from supporters around the world.
- Fundraising raffles. The dedicated fundraising team has continued to run regular raffles, providing a reliable supplementary income stream for the organisation.
- Child sponsorship contributions. Monthly contributions from child sponsors have remained a vital source of financial stability, supporting core programme activities.
- Grant application plans. With the website now fully functional, Bay of Hope plans to complete and submit grant applications to expand funding opportunities and strengthen long-term sustainability.

Young people have shown notable improvements in health, attributed to:

- Consistent access to nutritious meals
- Stable living environments
- Ongoing counselling and emotional support
- Increased school engagement and structured routines
- Quarterly deworming and BMI screening conducted for 45 children by volunteer doctors.
- Collin (Born with HIV) continued receiving prescribed medication an additional support from Bay of Hope international staff.
- Emmanuel underwent successful surgery and has fully recovered. This is evidenced in updated health cards.

Bay of Hope extends heartfelt gratitude to:

- Board members for their unwavering commitment
- Fundraising team, especially the dedicated group of ladies whose raffles have sustained the organisation
- Child sponsors for their monthly contributions
- Community partners for their trust and collaboration

Their dedication has ensured that vulnerable children in Uganda continue to receive care, protection, and hope.

Priorities for 2027 include:

- Strengthening financial stability: - enhancing income diversification, improving donor engagement, and advancing digital fundraising systems.
- Completing the children's home main block: - Finalising construction to increase residential capacity and provide safe accommodation for vulnerable young people.
- Expanding partnerships: - Deepening collaboration with community organisations, schools, faith groups, and international partners to broaden programme reach.
- Recruiting additional child sponsors: - Increasing sponsorship numbers to extend Bay of Hope's impact in rural communities and support more children in need.

- Enhancing educational and counselling programmes — Strengthening academic support, expanding counselling services, and improving wellbeing interventions.

- Increasing referral response capacity — Improving systems and infrastructure to respond promptly to referrals from police and community leaders, ensuring timely protection for vulnerable children.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 29/11/.....2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Bruno Ochen
Chair

J B Gault
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: Bay of Hope SCIO, Registered charity number:SC051545

Accounts of the charity for the period: 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than that disclosed below.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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.

The matter that has come to my attention is that, in the course of my examination of the accounting records of the charity, it was noted that some transactions relating to the restricted funds of the charity were not separately identifiable. This has led to the accounts only showing some of the income and expenditure that relates to these funds within the correct column. The charity trustees are aware of the importance of maintaining full records of such transactions going forward.



..... Date: 1 August 2026: .....

Willy Ngwabizito Musoke

Volunteer Independent Examiner:

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Receipts and Payments Account

Income	*2026*	*2025*
Donations - Individuals (Gift Aid)	4,630	3,290
Donations - Individuals (Non Gift Aid)	7,549	3,700
Fundraising		4,470
Gifts - Corporate		15
Gift Aid (HMRC)	838	815
	13,017	12,290
Expenditure		
Support Bay of Hope Uganda	11,790	11,770
Bank Fees	45	120
Independent Examination	600	600
	12,435	12,490
Net Surplus/-Deficit	**£582**	**(£200)**

Statement of Balances

	Total Funds £	*2025 Total* £
Bank Balance 1 April 2025	1,973	2,173
Add Deficit above	582	(200)
Bank Balance 31 March 2026	2,555	1,973

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

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Andrew Bruno Ochen

Date: 29/10/26

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J B Gault

Date: 29/10/26

Notes to the Accounts

1 General Information

Bay of Hope ("the charity") is a Scottish charitable incorporated organisation and governed by its constitution dated 26 January 2022. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number: SC051545) on 26 January 2022. The registered address is 7 Luss Avenue, Greenock, PA15 3EF.

2 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for 2026	Total for 2025
	£	£	£	£
Donations - Individuals (Gift Aid)	4,630	-	4,630	3,290
Donations - Individuals (Gift Aid)	7,549	-	7,549	8,170
	12,179	**-**	**12,179**	**11,460**

4 Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for 2026	Total for 2025
	£	£	£	£
Corporate Gift	-	-	-	15
Gift Aid (HMRC)	838	-	838	815
	838	**-**	**838**	**830**

5 Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total for 2026 £	Total for 2025 £
Payment to Bay of Hope International	11,790	-	11,790	11,770
	11,790	**-**	**11,790**	**11,770**

6 Support Costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total for 2026 £	Total for 2025 £
Bank Charges	45	-	45	120
Independent Examiner Fees	600	-	600	600
	645	**-**	**645**	**720**

7. Related Party Transaction

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses during the year. There were no related party transactions during the year.

8. Funds Analysis

	Opening Balance 1 April 2025 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31 March 2025 £
Restricted	-	-	-		-
Unrestricted	1,973	13,017	12,435	-	2,555
Total	**1,973**	**13,017**	**12,435**	**-**	**2,555**