Blue Bear Freedom UK

# Annual Report 2025

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2025

Charity number: 1200131

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

# Our purpose

**We exist to protect, equip and empower children affected by human trafficking, and to raise awareness to the injustice of modern slavery and exploitation.**



This is the third annual report for Blue Bear Freedom UK (BBF UK), an anti-trafficking organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on Friday 19th August 2022.

BBF UK is the principal beneficiary of The Justice Business CIC, which trades as Blue Bear Coffee Co.



## 2025 in context

- Profits from Blue Bear Coffee Co. and the generosity of faithful donors
- Reached more people, raising awareness to the evil of human trafficking and sharing our story of hope.
- BBF held a variety of events and spoke at
- Fundraising target: £15,000 - over doubled!

# Raising awareness and building support




**Freeze for Freedom:** communal cold sea dip at Cromer, Norfolk, with supporters also taking part in Winchester; raised approximately **£1,000** on 1 March 2025.



**£27,518**

**Insight Financial's Vision Day:** Bryn Frere-Smith presented Blue Bear Freedom's mission in Norwich; Insight Financial made two donations in December 2025 totalling **£27,518,** the largest single source of funding in the year.

THE JUSTICE & COFFEE PODCAST

**Justice and Coffee Podcast:** relaunched in 2025 to raise awareness of modern slavery, exploitation and wider issues of justice.

**Monthly Newsletter Topics:** online child sexual exploitation, the tenth anniversary of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, child criminal exploitation and cuckooing, Baroness Casey's national audit, and Anti-Slavery Day on 18 October.

# Our partners in the Dominican Republic



In **February 2025** we sponsored a gathering of almost 100 people in Barahona to learn about trauma-informed care and evidence gathering from child victims of exploitation.













### Lily House:

in March 2025 we funded the purchase of a plot of land ($7,000) for a transitional home for a young woman leaving the aftercare programme.

### New Hope Girls:

in 2025 we funded the construction of a homework room in La Vega.

### Batey Rehab Project:

in October 2025 we gave a £5,000 grant to furnish a new bedroom and fund a part-time teacher; in December we gave £10,500 towards Casa De Fe and Christmas gifts.

## Christmas

£1,120 was sent to Lily House, Batey Rehab Project and New Hope Girls for girls' Christmas presents.

BLUE BEAR FREEDOM

# Grants made in 2025

## £31,920

Every grant is an investment in freedom, dignity and a brighter future.



## How our partners used the support

- Training for law enforcement and child welfare professionals in Barahona
- Land for a transitional home for a young woman leaving Lily House
- A homework room at New Hope Girls in La Vega
- A furnished bedroom and support for a part-time teacher
- Casa De Fe, a welcoming first-arrival home for girls at Batey Rehab Project
- Christmas gifts for girls at Casa De Fe, New Hope Girls and Lily House

# Financial summary and assurance



Total receipts 2025: £48,420 (+£13,000 Jan 2026)

Total £61,420

Total payments 2025:

£32,155

Net of receipts/ (payments):

£16,265

Cash funds this year end:

£52,539

Grants made:

£31,920

£1,000 designated for the Ufahari Girls project 2026

| Category | 2025 (£) | Jan 2026 |
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| Total receipts | 48,420 | +£13,000 |
| Total payments | 32,155 | |
| Net of receipts/payments) | 16,265 | |
| Cash funds this year end | 52,539 | |
| Grants made | 31,920 | |

100% of operating costs were paid for by Blue Bear Coffee Co. / The Justice Business CIC

International payment fees: £175

Monthly bank fees: £60

**We look forward to continuing our work in 2026, raising awareness and support for children whose lives have been impacted by human trafficking.**

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