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Announcing Hope and Social's Third Studio Album

## “Sleep Sound”

*“a big sound from this impressive outfit...inspired, anthemic, great”*  
*Q magazine*

**Release date:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
**Get it here:** <http://r.vu/sleeps>  
**Launch Blog:** <http://bit.ly/sleepsound>



*Sleep Sound* is Hope and Social's third full length studio album to be released in under two calendar years and bears the hallmark, inclusive Hope and Social big noise coupled with delicate moments of intimacy. On “*Sleep Sound*” the band have develop a broader palate with varied orchestrations and feels. It's still a band in a room mind, it's damn near a live album, imbued with the spirit of Graceland, Talking Heads, Ray Charles, Sufjan Stevens and Van Morrison. It started (as it always does with Hope and Social), in a pub, with six men having an overly frank discussion about economic collapse, fighting in the streets, the end of days, only doing it for the good stuff and of the kindness of people.

Written, recorded mixed and mastered in 30 working days over a chaotic, accident ridden 3 months, *Sleep Sound* is a true album in the traditional sense; a record of a time and a place in Hope and Social's lives. It chronicles parenthood, the need for country air, the rage against our ineffective political representatives and our impotence to make them accountable. Yet Sleep Sound is also joyous, basking in the glory of our greens, the diversity of our cultures and the wonderfulness of our friends. Befitting their name, the album is full of hope. The last thing to be sung on the album was a choir of fans and friends singing that "We can make it anywhere". It won't change the world, but it might change *our* world.

We'll be writing about making of the album for next couple of weeks and you'll be able read all the posts as we write them here - [www.hopeandsocial.com/category/sleep-sound](http://www.hopeandsocial.com/category/sleep-sound)

### The “Sleep Sound” Tour - May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup> - Full dates at [hopeandsocial.com/gigs](http://hopeandsocial.com/gigs)

May 13, 2011 - The Album Launch! Brudenell Social Club, Leeds - With The Finnlys and Gary Stewart.

May 14, 2011 - Bull and Gate, Camden, London.

May 16, 2011 - Fibbers (Barfly York), York.

May 17, 2011 - The Blues Bar, Harrogate

May 18, 2011 - Mello Mello Café, Liverpool

May 20, 2011 - Grand Hotel, Hartlepool

May 23, 2011 - Hare and Hounds, Birmingham - With the lovely Joanna Briggs, Gary Stewart and Chris Tye.

May 26, 2011 8:00 PM - Yardbirds Club, Grimsby

**“Brilliant, uplifting and inclusive. That was amazing, here’s your cheque”**  
*Michael Eavis, Glastonbury Festival*

Loved by our fans, and converting newbies gig by gig, come play out with Hope and Social and see why for yourself.

#### A Note From The Band:

Like all of Hope and Social's standard releases, *Sleep Sound* is a Pay What You Want release (for both download, and CD). We make music, you pay us whatever you think it's worth, and can afford. *Why?* Because if you want our music, we want you to have it. Please... take it, play it, give it to your friends. If you love our music and feel that it has value to you, we trust you to find a way to help to sustain us; to continue to make music that hopefully connects with something in your life. If you do buy something the money comes to us 6, not to Apple or HMV or Sony or some other massive corporation to whom your pounds are a tiny fraction of turnover, but to us directly. It allows us to buy petrol for the next gig, get the next CD pressed or even buy some food or something!

If there's one thing we would say it's this. If you love any band find a way to give them money or help or just applause. They will need it and they will appreciate it.

**Hope and Social are...** Simon Wainwright: Vocals, guitar, piano / Rich Huxley: Guitars, Vocals / Ed Waring: Rhodes, Organ / Simon Goff: Bass, Strings / James Hamilton: Trumpet (and other brass) / Gary Stewart: Drums, Vocals.

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