

## Who are Hope And Social?

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

We’re a band who do things a little bit differently. We wear blue jackets. We play mind-blowing, balls-to-the-floor, anything-for-a-laugh, much-more-for-a-tear, heart-on-your-sleeve, foot-on-your-monitor gigs. Not gigs. Shows. No, not shows...events. We’re gloriously and fiercely independent. We formed the UK’s first fan-funded record label Alamo Music Ltd. We’ve made just about every mistake a ‘professional’ band can make and decided that entertaining people and making the songs we love is the most important thing in music. And we like people. We like involving people. “People they are some good”.

## What have they done?

**“I’ve heard the name vaguely” - Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2**  
**“I Really like Hope and Social!” - BBC Radio 1 - Greg James**

We are prolific. In May we release our third album in under three years. There's also been an EP, a live album, countless live shows, thousands of kazoos, Glastonbury, many many *Living Room Gigs*, the *JD Set*, a *Come Dine With Us* event, a Big Band Christmas romp, a trip to the seaside on an open top bus, a Brass Band session, a live recording in our studio *The Crypt*, numerous music videos, music-industry events...and a baby. Admittedly we do look pretty tired.

## Sounds Like:

**"a big sound from this impressive outfit...inspired, anthemic, great" - Q magazine**

In the tradition of the travelling bands, we guess we’re a bit like a Yorkshire *E-Street Band*... meets *Arcade Fire*... meets *The Faces*... meets *Dexys Midnight Runners*... meets *Prefab Sprout*... at a party... in an argument about who gets to have sex with *David Bowie*. We're not as good at describing ourselves as others are, so...

**“smash-your-head-into-the-wall brilliant” - Entertainment Weekly**  
**“...one of the best acts around...” - Manchester Evening News**

## But are they any good?

**“one of the UK’s top five live bands” - The Independent**  
**“possibly the most complete band ever” - Tim Hornsby**

Loved by our fans, and converting people gig by gig... the most honest thing to say is that we try our best!

*Hope and Social are... Simon Wainwright: Vocal, guitar, piano / Rich Huxley: Guitar, Vocals / Ed Waring: Rhodes, Organ / Simon Goff: Bass, Strings / James Hamilton: Trumpet (and other brass) / Gary Stewart: Drums, Vocals... plus anybody else who wishes to don a blue jacket...*