

Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council Meeting

Dear Councillor

9th May 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend a Hybrid* meeting of Rhuddlan Town Council on Thursday, 16th May 2024 at **6.30pm**. Members of the public wishing to attend by Zoom should inform the Town Clerk by 4pm on 16th May so that necessary arrangements can be made. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person. **Can join by Zoom or attend in person at **Hwb Rhuddlan, Clos David Own, Rhuddlan LL18 2UJ.***

Agenda

1. **Biodiversity training at 6.30pm followed by full meeting at 7pm**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Declarations of Interest * See page 2**
4. **Urgent Matters as Agreed by the Chairperson** – notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chairperson, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Standing Orders
5. **Police matters:**
 - a. To receive crime report
6. **Minutes** – to approve minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11th April 2024
7. **Progress report from minutes**
8. **Reports from:**
 - a. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
 - b. The Town Clerk – correspondence and project report
9. **County Councillors' Reports** – to receive reports
10. **Events Committee** - to receive the minutes from the meeting held on 16th April 2024
11. **Road Safety Working Group** - to receive the minutes from the meeting held on 2nd May 2024
12. **Cemetery** - to receive the minutes from the meeting held on 7th May 2024
13. **Library and Museum Working Group** - to receive an update from the meeting held on 14th May 2024
14. **One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference** – To consider attendance at conference being held on Wednesday 3 July 2024
15. **Planning**
 - a.
16. **Budget & Finance Matters**
 - a. Grant requests
 - a. Rhuddlan Bowling Club
 - b. River and Sea Sense
 - c. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod
 - d. Kids Cancer Charity
 - b. Approve the payments listing due
 - c. Agree payments to members included in 2024/2025 budget
17. **Community Matters**

18. Date of next meetings:

- Full council meeting scheduled on Thursday 13th June 2024

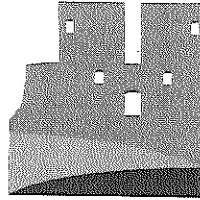
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***Declaration of Interest**

Personal interest – If you have a personal interest in any business of your Council, you must disclose the existence and nature of the interest before participating in any business to which it relates.

Prejudicial Interest – You must ask yourself whether a member of the public, if he or she knew all the relevant facts, would think that your personal interest was so significant that it would be likely to prejudice your judgement. In other words, the interest must be perceived as likely to harm or impair your ability to judge the public interest. This must be declared before the item is discussed and you will be expected to leave the room and not participate in the item.

In both cases you need to complete the form the Clerk gives you and it will appear on the register of member's interest on the RTC Website



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Cyfarfod Cyngor Tref Rhuddlan

Annwyl Gynghorydd

9 Mai 2024

Rwyf yn eich galw trwy hyn i fynychu cyfarfod Hybrid* Cyngor Tref Rhuddlan a gynhelir nos Iau, 16 Mai 2024 am **6.30pm**. Dylai aelodau'r cyhoedd sy'n dymuno ymuno drwy Zoom roi gwybod i'r Clerc erbyn 4pm ar 16 Mai fel bod modd gwneud y trefniadau angenrheidiol. *Gellir ymuno drwy Zoom neu ddod i'r cyfarfod yn **Hwb Rhuddlan, Clos David Owen, Rhuddlan LL18 2UJ**.

Agenda

1. **Hyfforddiant bioamrywiaeth am 6.30pm ac yna'r cyfarfod llawn am 7pm**
2. **Ymddiheuriadau**
3. **Datgan Buddiant * Gweler tudalen 2**
4. **Materion Brys fel y'u Cytunwyd gan y Cadeirydd** – rhybudd am eitemau a ddylai, ym marn y Cadeirydd, gael eu hystyried fel mater o frys yn unol â'r Rheolau Sefydlog
5. **Materion yr Heddlu:**
 - a. Derbyn adroddiad troseddu
6. **Cofnodion** – cymeradwyo cofnodion cyfarfod Cyngor y Dref a gynhaliwyd ar 11 Ebrill 2024
7. **Adroddiad cynnydd ar sail y cofnodion**
8. **Adroddiadau gan:**
 - a. Y Maer a'r Dirprwy Faer
 - b. Clerc y Dref – gohebiaeth ac adroddiad ar brosiectau
9. **Adroddiadau'r Cynghorwyr Sir** – derbyn yr adroddiadau
10. **Pwyllgor Digwyddiadau** – derbyn cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 16 Ebrill 2024
11. **Gweithgor Diogelwch y Ffyrdd** – derbyn cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 2 Mai 2024
12. **Y Fynwent** – derbyn cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 7 Mai 2024
13. **Gweithgor y Llyfrgell a'r Amgueddfa** – derbyn diweddariad o'r cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 14 Mai 2024
14. **Cynhadledd Arfer Arloesol Un Llais Cymru** – Ystyried presenoldeb yn y gynhadledd a gynhelir ddydd Mercher, 3 Gorffennaf 2024
15. **Cynllunio**
 - a.
16. **Y Gyllideb a Materion Ariannol**
 - a. Ceisiadau am grantiau
 - a. Clwb Bowlio Rhuddlan
 - b. 'River and Sea Sense'
 - c. Eisteddfod Gerddorol Ryngwladol Llangollen
 - d. Elusen 'Kids Cancer Charity'
 - b. Cymeradwyo'r rhestr o daliadau sy'n ddyledus
 - c. Cytuno ar daliadau i aelodau sydd wedi'u cynnwys yng nghyllideb 2024/2025
17. **Materion Cymunedol**
18. **Dyddiad y cyfarfodydd nesaf:**
 - Cyfarfod llawn y cyngor wedi'i drefnu ar gyfer dydd Iau, 13 Mehefin 2024

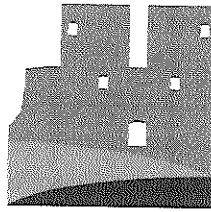
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***Datgan Buddiant**

Buddiant personol – Os oes gennych fuddiant personol yn unrhyw fater yn ymwneud â'ch Cyngor, mae'n rhaid i chi ddatgelu'r buddiant a natur y buddiant cyn cymryd rhan yn unrhyw drafodion cysylltiedig.

Buddiant rhagfarnus – Mae'n rhaid i chi ofyn i chi eich hun a fyddai aelod o'r cyhoedd, petai'n gwybod yr holl ffeithiau perthnasol, yn credu bod eich buddiant personol mor arwyddocaol y byddai'n debygol o niweidio eich barn. Mewn geiriau eraill, rhaid ystyried bod y buddiant yn debygol o niweidio neu amharu ar eich gallu i ddod i benderfyniad er budd y cyhoedd. Rhaid datgan hyn cyn y trafodir yr eitem a bydd disgwyl i chi adael yr ystafell a pheidio â chymryd rhan yn yr eitem.

Yn y ddwy achos uchod, mae angen i chi lenwi'r ffurflen a roddir i chi gan y Clerc a bydd yn ymddangos ar gofrestr buddiannau aelodau ar wefan Cyngor Tref Rhuddlan.



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Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the meeting on the 11th April 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)
Cllr Val Simmons (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Cllr Ann Davies
Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Gareth Rowlands
Cllr Bleddyn Williams
Cllr Rob Williams (arrived after the start of the meeting)
Town Clerk
Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

There were 3 members of the public present

1. Apologies

None given

The meeting was recorded from this point (audio only)

2. Biodiversity Training

Postponed until a future meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest

Due to recent public comments on social media and Councillors' concerns about such declarations, the Mayor asked the Town Clerk to remind the Members what personal and prejudicial interests are and how members should declare such interests, the form they must complete and the publishing of the declarations of interest on the council website. This was then done by the Town Clerk.

There followed a discussion on declarations received on an item at last month's meeting regarding Admiral's Field use by Rhuddlan Town FC. Highlighted was guidance one member received in an email from DCC's Monitoring Officer. Cllr Ann Davies proposed that the Monitoring Officer's email be included as an appendix in the Minutes of that meeting. Cllr Mike Elgin proposed an amendment that Council first check that the email could be legally publicised due to Data Protection concerns, which was seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham. It was voted not to have the email as a part of the minutes. **Resolved.**

It was stressed to members that it is for each individual Councillor's duty to make appropriate declarations of interest. Clarification of the rules regarding personal and prejudicial interests will be included on future agendas for Council meetings, for their guidance. **Resolved.**

Cllr Arwel Roberts declared an interest in the planning item as he is a DCC Planning Committee member and a prejudicial interest regarding a grant application from Rhuddlan Bowling Club of which he is a member. Cllr Mike Elgin declared a prejudicial interest regarding the grant application made by Rhuddlan Bowling Club as he is a member. Cllr Mike Kermode declared a personal interest in connection with the election of a Deputy Mayor because his daughter will be one of the candidates.

4. Urgent Matters

None received

5. Police Matters

The Mayor voiced his disappointment that no police officers were present or written report provided. Members echoed this disappointment and stressed the importance of regular communications with the local police. In response to a Member's query the Town Clerk does send a meeting agenda to the police Inspector Kevin Smith, as a reminder.

6a. Minutes of Town Council meeting held on 8th February 2024.

Amendments. Add Cllr Burnham as an attendee. The Town Clerk to review and modify the minute referring to the amendment to the proposal regarding Rhuddlan Town Football Club to be financially supported by up to £50k as a way of supporting their work in finding an alternative site and to check who proposed and seconded the proposal regarding the Rhuddfest grant application. Following the above amendments the Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Gareth Rowlands and seconded by Cllr. Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

7. Progress Report on the above

- i) Council's grant application for the Admiral's Field summer family event had been allocated the reduced sum of £2,000. The Events Committee will discuss how this affects our plans at their next meeting. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed that £5,000 from the event's budget be earmarked to help finance the event. Seconded by Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**
- ii) Concerns about Arriva buses not stopping within Tweedmill has been supported by Prestatyn Town Council.

iii) Ysgol Y Castell have confirmed their involvement with the road safety poster competition and that their posters are expected shortly.

iv) N Wales Tourism CEO has been invited to attend one of our future meetings.

v) A Zoom meeting was held recently with DCC officers to discuss DCC Cabinet's proposals to close public toilets, notes of that meeting had been circulated to Members. Cllr Ann Davies said that she was concerned that the Town Council had an undue urgency about this issue. The Mayor responded that it was important for the Town Council to know in good time what the options and costs of future actions might be if DCC did close Rhuddlan's public toilets. Members noted the small percentage of savings the toilet closures would provide to the overall DCC budget. Data was awaited from DCC regarding the Rhuddlan toilet usage and associated operating costs. Cllr Arwel Roberts stressed the need for timely information and for a positive dialogue with DCC and that he felt it was ignorant of people to say, what's the hurry, because the Town Council needed to know what is happening. Cllr Ann Davies reminded Cllr Arwel Roberts that there is such a thing as freedom of speech and that she would be speaking to the Monitoring Officer regarding his comments. Councillor Roberts said that he did not mention any names.

vi) Rhuddlan Community Group had commenced their memorial garden project.

vii) Confirmation that the CCTV agreement includes a process to get ad-hoc monitoring in relation to reviewing dog fouling concerns.

At this point Cllr Rob Williams asked about the declarations of interest made in March about the Admiral's Field issue and asked for clarification about the email from the Monitoring Officer, this had already been discussed earlier on, before he joined the meeting. The Town Clerk repeated his explanation about the difference between a personal interest and a prejudicial interest and that that it was up to individual councillors to decide which was appropriate to them.

viii) St. Mary's church had agreed to participate in the D Day beacon event and to provide the refreshments at and the costs reimbursed by the council Town Council.

8. Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor elect

Cllr Mike Kermode proposed Cllr Val Simmons as Mayor elect which was seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

As regards the Deputy Mayor position, there were two nominations:

Cllr Arwel Roberts proposed Cllr Ivor Beech which was seconded by Cllr Ann Davies.

Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed Cllr Jackie Burnham which was seconded by Cllr Val Simmons.

Members were reminded that the usual practice was that voting would be done through a secret ballot. **Resolved.**

The ballot's result was 7-4 in favour of Cllr Jackie Burnham. **Resolved.**

Members gave their congratulations to Cllr Burnham and commiserations to Cllr Beech. It was noted that it was good to see that there was enough interest in the role to warrant a ballot by two very worthy candidates.

9. Correspondence from:

a. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor Reports

The Mayor had circulated his report prior to the meeting and offered the opportunity to Members for any questions.

Then the Mayor asked Cllr Ann Davies to provide an update from the County Library Task and Finish group meeting. Cllr Davies summarised what had been discussed. The next meeting of this group is to be in June and Members were invited to nominate a Town Council representative for that meeting. Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed Cllr Mike Kermode, seconded by Cllr Ivor Beech. **Resolved.**

The Deputy Mayor had circulated her report mentioning particularly an email from the local MP on the Arriva bus issue at Tweedmill, which she had circulated. Cllr Simmons noted the success of the Library Easter egg hunt and the good relationship reports from local residents with the operatives of the Ffordd Ganol/Nant gas-main works. Cllr Simmons was thanked for her continued good work on the Arriva bus issue. **Both reports were accepted**

b. The Town Clerk & Town Plan update.

The Town Clerk had circulated his report in advance of the meeting and read through the various items of correspondence and project updates from the Town Plan.

Elements of the report were discussed - in particular:-

- Positive feedback from Rhuddlan Scout Group about the Town Council's hard work for the community and from a new resident regarding how much they are enjoying living in Rhuddlan.
- One Voice Wales information regarding a Community Cushion device that aids the support of people who may have fallen. Costs will be obtained for the next meeting so Members can consider acquiring one, along with information on how people can access to the device.
- Email circulated to Members regarding the Youth Service's activities.
- The next Community Market is Saturday 13th April and Members were encouraged to attend if possible. A raffle in support of the MS Society will be undertaken.
- Council's street trading licence has been received for the Gwledd Fest.

10. County Councillor Reports

Cllr Arwel Roberts had circulated his written report for Members attention.

He voiced his pleasure on hearing that residents do appreciate the efforts of Town Council. A new date for the next litter picking will be circulated soon.

Cllr Roberts voiced his hopes for a potential twinning with Carlow in the Republic of Ireland after his visit there for the Pan Celtic Festival over Easter. Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed that twinning should be placed on a future meeting agenda. Seconded by Cllr Roberts. **Resolved.**

The report was accepted

Cllr Ann Davies verbally updated Members on her recent County Council work. This included information that a DCC officer is preparing an update on the Rhuddlan Active

Travel Plan, the successful works to reduce the flooding on the New Road roundabout, and her observations on the DCC Social Services and Education department cuts.
The report was accepted

11. Bus Shelter Cleaning

The Town Clerk had circulated the results of the tender. He had received four responses for a specified initial deep clean followed by a quarterly deep clean. There followed a short discussion on the Town Clerk's recommendation and Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed that company A is engaged, seconded by Cllr Val Simmons.
Resolved.

12. CCTV Partnership

The Town Clerk had circulated a copy of the contract for Members information noting that this was a 3-year contract and that Rhuddlan Town Council can exit the partnership by giving 6 months' notice. The current representatives to the partnership are Cllrs Bleddyn Williams, Ivor Beech, and Arwel Roberts. Cllr Ivor Beech proposed that the contract agreement be supported, seconded by Cllr Bleddyn Williams.
Resolved.

13. Planning

No new applications received

14. Budget & Finance Matters

a. Grant Applications had been received from

i) Rhuddlan Bowling Club – Cllrs Arwel Roberts and Mike Elgin both declared an interest and left the meeting. The question of previous Council grants was raised and the club's bank balance information was noted. The Town Clerk was asked to analyse the Council's support over the last 3 years and report back to the next meeting.
Resolved. Cllrs Roberts and Elgin then returned to the meeting.

ii) National Eisteddfod – a circular request application asking for a donation to the 2024 Rhondda Cynon Taff eisteddfod, no sum highlighted. The debate centred on the Council's past support for national eisteddfod events and Cllr Gareth Rowlands proposed that this grant application be not supported, which was seconded by Cllr Ann Davies. An amendment was made by Cllr Arwel Roberts for a £50 donation, which led to another amendment by Cllr Bleddyn Williams for a £100 donation, this was seconded by Cllr Ivor Beech. The second amendment was carried. **Resolved.**

iii) Marie Currie – a circular request application for a donation, again with no sum highlighted. During the discussion several Members noted the support this charity has provided to local residents. Cllr Ann Davies proposed that £1,000 be donated, seconded by Cllr Mike Kermode. **Resolved.**

b) Payments List - The Town Clerk in a response to a Members query, informed Members that the payments list was time orientated due to Council wanting to pay invoices in a timely fashion once received. Although it is complete when sent out the Friday before a Council meeting, more invoices are often received later on which

needed dealing with and so are added in the intervening days. The list was then proposed for payment by Cllr Gareth Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

c) To approve and appoint DCC as Town Council's internal auditor – Following a meaningful debate of using alternative providers, the advantages and disadvantages of using DCC, and the fact that our external audit is undertaken by Wales Audit Members were happy to approve and appoint DCC as the internal auditor for another year. Proposed by Cllr Val Simmons, seconded by Arwel Roberts. **Resolved.**

d) To receive the End of Year Accounts – Members had been circulated the account information and informed that the documentation had now been completed ready for the internal audit. Cllr Mike Kermode proposed the accounts be approved, seconded by Cllr Bleddyn Williams. **Resolved.**

15. Community Matters

i) Cllr Val Simmons had received complaints about the disabled parking space in the High Street, it needed repainting by DCC. Cllr Arwel Roberts as a County Councillor had previously asked for this action to be undertaken but will ask again.

ii) Cllr Arwel Roberts wished the Mayor well with his charity concert on Saturday.

iii) Cllr Reg Davies had received complaints that the Castle was closed over Easter. Members were informed that it was closed by CADW due to extreme weather conditions being forecast.

iv) Cllr Ivor Beech added that the No Man's Land Event at Bodrhyddan Hall had also succumbed to the extreme weather.

v) Cllr Ann Davies wanted Members to know that the planned tree trimming on Rhyl Road by DCC has been postponed as the nesting season has commenced.

16. AGM & Next Full Council Meeting

The Mayor asked Members to consider having two meetings in May, one as the AGM so as to formally appoint the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, appoint committee members and to review standing orders and key policies. This would be followed a week later by a Council business meeting. Seconded by Cllr Jackie Burnham **Resolved.** The AGM will be Thursday 9th May and the business meeting a week later on the 16th.

17. Dates of next meetings – 16/4/2024 Events Committee at 7.30pm

9/5/2024 AGM at 7pm

16/5/2024 Full Council Meeting at 7pm

Signed Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)

16th May 2024

Reports by Mayor and Deputy Mayor

1. Mayor's Report

Events/Attendances etc.

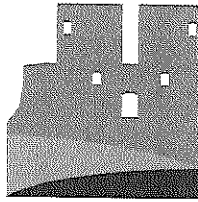
- 13th April – My charity choir concert, featuring Côr Meibion Colwyn, was a great success and it raised funds for Ty Gobaith/Hope House Children's Hospice. The Mayor's charity account now had £1,150 to go to the hospice. The Alzheimer's Society and St. Kentigern Hospice had earlier received £1,000 each from my dance event in September. The donation buckets at the choir concert raised just over £100 each for St. Mary's Church and Friends of Ysgol y Castell. Many thanks to everyone that supported my charity events.
- 16th April – I chaired a meeting of the Events Committee, when we focussed on the Gwledd Fest event on 18th May and the 4th August fun/volunteer event – the minutes will be considered by the Council on 16th May.
- 18th April – I attended a meeting of the Community Centre Trustees. It was good to see continued progress with the double-glazing and energy saving project.
- 20th April – The Mayoress and I attended the Treasure Chest group's coffee morning which raised funds to support the Breast Cancer team at Ysgol y Castell.
- 20th April – The Mayoress and I attended the Gwindy Street Chapel for the Spiritualist's' National Union's dedication service.
- 20th April – The Mayoress and I attended a Welsh folk music night in the Community Centre, organised by Cllr. Arwel Roberts.
- 27th April - The Mayoress and I attended the Mayor of Mold's charity concert.
- 1st May – I attended the Community Centre for the public information session run by DCC about the new recycling arrangements. Virtually all of the residents that I spoke to were very satisfied with the information and responses that they had received. However, there is still some concern by people that have some cognition issues that they might be penalised for innocently putting the wrong items into the wrong boxes. I did raise this with the DCC team and I was assured that they will have a softly-softly approach and if there are "repeat offenders" they will make contact to identify the nature of the problem and offer them help. This is an issue that we need to be aware when the new arrangements become operational next month. The DCC team had been asked about external communal bins at properties where there are multiple occupants and the potential for outsiders to place the wrong items in the wrong bins, which might generate fines for the occupants. The DCC answer was for the bins to be fitted with locks that could be only be opened by the occupants. The Council will need to consider how it can ensure that its recycling bins at the Hwb can be made secure.
- 2nd May – I attended a meeting of the Road Safety Committee.
- 4th May – The Mayoress and I attended the Mayor of Caerwys' fund-raising event.

- 7th May – I chaired a meeting of the joint group of representatives from local councils about the issue of a new cemetery in North West Denbighshire – the minutes will be considered at the meeting on 16th May.
- 8th May – The Mayoress and I were at Ty Gobaith Children’s Hospice for the formal donation of £1,150 from my charity account. We had a tour of the hospice, which is a wonderful location that provides respite and end of life care for children. A very moving visit, which emphasised the benefits that hospices provide and the great need that they have for funding from local people and organisations, to carry on their excellent work.

2. Deputy Mayor’s Report

Events/Attendances etc.

- 19th April – Promotion of the digital drop in at the Library on Rhuddlan Today.
- 20th April – I attended the Treasure Chest Event at the Community Centre.
- 29th April – Promotion of the Health and Wellbeing Drop in session at Rhuddlan Library.
- 1st May – I attended the DCC waste management consultation day at the Community Centre.
- 2nd May – I attended the RTC Road Safety meeting.
- 7th May – I attended the Cemetery Working Group meeting.



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Clerk's Project Report and Correspondence for May 2024 Meeting

Correspondence

The following has been received:

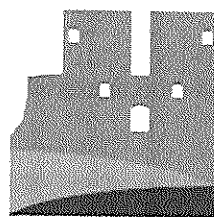
1. Email from member of public regarding footpaths.
2. Email from resident complaining about grassed areas being so unkempt.
3. Email from audit Wales regarding the audit cycle. Checked with Audit office Wales and Rhuddlan do not have any submissions outstanding but are still waiting the results of last year's full audit.
4. Email from North Wales Fire and Rescue Public regarding a consultation on continuing to prevent and respond to emergencies. Forwarded to councillors to respond.
5. Letter off John Saunders-Davies regarding support for an event in September to be held at Pengwern Farm to recognise 80 years of agriculture – Beyond the gate charity event.
6. Email off 'rightsofway' at DCC regarding a bench on River Clwyd which is in danger of falling down the bank. Not on our asset list. Any ideas?

Project Update

Community Market – the next markets are scheduled on 8th June. Can councillors please support these markets, it is a great opportunity to meet residents and visitors to Rhuddlan.

Gwledd – Takes place Saturday 18th May

Summer Event – Marquee secured and less expensive supplier for Soft Play equipment.



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County Councillor Report for April 2024 Meeting – Cllr Ann Davies

BODRYDDAN AVENUE WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Since the introduction of the WFM in Bodryddan Avenue/ Dyserth road, residents have experienced increased hay fever symptoms. I requested the large WFM be removed in that area.

DCC inform me that they have a duty to improve biodiversity and species richness across the county, consequently the request has been refused.

However, no more wildflower meadows sites have been added to the project this year.

I have informed the residents of the decision.

ASH DIEBACK

A site visit was carried out to access a tree in Fairlands Crescent, the tree has got ash dieback in the canopy. Until the tree is in full leaf the true extent of the dieback cannot be measured. This tree is on DCC Ezytreev records and will be monitored later this year.

COMMUTED SUMS

Rhuddlan will soon be receiving a sum of £55,000. £5,000 will be for open space improvements and £50,000 for possibly home buy schemes. This is good news indeed for Rhuddlan residents . I will give an update on this next month.

SOCIAL SERVICE BUDGET CUTS

We were informed a few months about cuts to social services budget. DCC have introduced a new hoist to enable a patient to be lifted out of bed and into a chair by just one Carer, saving the cost of two carers.

I raised my concerns and made a request to see this piece of equipment. Social Services team obliged by bringing a hospital bed and the new hoist to County Hall on Tuesday. We were given a demonstration on its use by one Carer, a County Councillor volunteered to be the patient. It was pleasing to see many Cllrs attend this workshop.

I raised my concerns regarding:

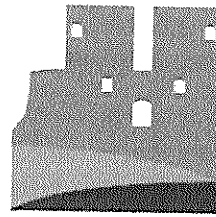
1. Cost and size of equipment.

2. Health and safety Issues.
3. Extra pressure on unpaid Carers who are already struggling with extra responsibilities.
4. I also voiced my deep concern at the lack of communication between Social Services and the NHS, particularly before a patient is discharged from hospital to their own home .

NEW RECYCLING SYSTEM

Five DCC officers were present at the community centre last week to answer resident's questions regarding the new recycling system that will be introduced next month. This was well attended.

County Councillor Ann Davies



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Adroddiad - County Councillor Report for May 2024 Meeting – Arwel Roberts

Firstly, Awen and I are very sad regarding the sudden death of Cllr Win Mullen-James who passed away suddenly but peacefully. She represented the residents of Trellewelyn Ward for many years on Denbighshire Town Council and Rhyl Town Council. Condolences to Alan her husband and family. She was a member of the Labour party and lead member on the County's Cabinet – Local Development and Planning.

Referring to Local Development there are candidate sites around Rhuddlan which we as Town Council should look at regarding our Town Plan – cemetery and even a site for the Rhuddlan Football Team.

Housing is a constant problem for residents in the area and I have been able to assist one family in the town. Landlords are selling houses asking their tenants to move and therefore families are becoming desperate and possibly homeless.

Recently I have helped two residents who have had difficulties with their property. They are very grateful to the County Care and Repair department.

As most of you are aware the County has a property in Castle Street Rhuddlan and the plan is to sell it and the money raised will be used to buy and improve other properties within the town. The County Legal Department is now in the process of putting the house on the market.

Since there are residents who have been assisted in Gofal Dydd from Rhuddlan I was asked to arrange a meeting for Dr Mari Lloyd Williams with the deputy director Nicola Stubbings, leader of the cabinet leader Cllr Jason McLellan, Cllr Elen Heaton – her portfolio being social services and Cllr Emrys Wynne his portfolio our culture and language plus libraries.

This week I have assisted John Saunders Davies to plan an event in Pengwern Farm. He has suffered a long process with cancer and he is very keen to find support from us all including the Town Council. He has prepared a letter for you to digest and hopefully you will assist the event financially.

The Gwledd event is one of the highlights of the year and I hope that we all can contribute on the day Saturday the 18th of May. I have just been recorded on the social media referring to the event and it will be on the Welsh programmes Pnawn da and Heno soon.

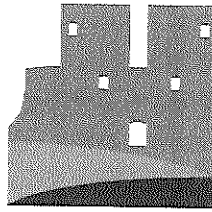
The library has sessions called “ Paned a Sgwrs” – Third Wednesday of every month – next one on the 15th of May 10:30 am – want to practice your Welsh socially come along. A quiz night has been organised in the New Inn Rhuddlan on the 15th of May also – 7:30pm £1 a person any profit will be given to Rhuddlan Dementia Group .

Very happy that the “Hen Fegin” – folk night was a success in the Community Centre – Mr and Mrs Mayor were present – thanks Mike and Sue, also Cllr Rowlands and his wife Nerys who supported the event.

The National Eisteddfod – yes Denbighshire are supporting the idea it could be in 2027 or 2029 – but which site that is a problem for the Eisteddfod officials.

Hwyl

Arwel



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting 11th April 2024

Held at Hwb Rhuddlan

Cllr Mike Kermode (Chairman)

Cllr Val Simmons

Cllr Ivor Beech

Cllr Arwel Roberts

Town Clerk

Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

Councillors Jackie Burnham and Gareth Rowlands also attended.

Representatives of Bespoke Events and St Mary's Church were present.
The Chair welcomed all those present and thanked them for their attendance.

The meeting was recorded audio only.

1. Apologies

Cllr Mike Elgin

2. Declarations of Interest

None given

3. Minutes

The previous meeting Minutes of 16/1/2024 had been reviewed and approved at the Council meeting on 9/2/2024.

4. Progress from the Minutes

The application to DLL Community Grant for the Mid-Summer event had been partially successful in being granted £2,000, which is a reduced amount from the £8,500 applied for. This was reported to Council at their last meeting and an additional £5,000 was approved to fund the event. Further discussions on this event are shown later in the minutes.

5. Gwledd Saturday 18th May 2024

The Chairman invited Bespoke Events representatives to update the committee on the event plans. There are 47 stalls booked in with room for a few more. Cllr Arwel Roberts asked that a place be reserved for Rhuddlan Bowling Club and this was agreed and Members also agreed that the Bowling Club should be charged for the booking. **Resolved**

Members agreed that the Community Centre could use their kitchen for sale of teas/coffees etc. and they would not be charged for this. **Resolved**

Following a debate on last year's loan of non-council gazebos and one being damaged on return, there was concern about loaning them out this year and that stall holders etc. might have to supply their own. The Chairman asked that Council be allocated 2 x gazebos and suggested that the Council underwrite any damage caused this year for those who do not have their own gazebo's which Members supported. **Resolved.**

A refundable deposit of £50 by stall holders was suggested by Cllr Jackie Burnham to set against any damages and this was agreed. **Resolved.**

Cllr Jackie Burnham will to ask Ysgol Y Castell to have a suitable performance to open the Gwledd event at around 10.30am. In return Members agreed that the school could have a table for a raffle free of charge. The School will also be asked to provide parking facilities for exhibitor's vehicles, as in previous years. **Resolved**

Members discussed the practicality of introducing card payments arrangements in addition to cash for the entrance fee. Members received a report on the difficulties that been faced using a card reader at the recent Treasure Chest event at the Community Centre, so it was agreed not to use them. As an alternative, it was agreed to use Eventbrite booking facility to encourage people to pre-book and pre-pay. Cash entry will be mentioned in publicity materials. **Resolved**

The Clerk will be the custodian of the entry fee cash. **Resolved**

In response to considering free entrance for OAP's, Members decided to keep the charges at £2 per adult but children continue to enter free. **Resolved**

Opening time for stall holders will be 8am and they will remain on site until 4pm to minimise traffic flow, with the event closing at 5pm. **Resolved**

The Clerk is empowered to liaise with Bespoke Events on any operational matters between now and the event but can refer to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor if required. **Resolved.**

Other actions were discussed and agreed including car parking, marketing methods, Mayor's official opening, and waste disposal.

Bespoke Events were thanked for their hard work for the 2024 event. They were reminded that the Council will be going for tenders for organisers for future events. This is not a reflection on their work but based on the need for the Council to be transparent in its contracts. They will be invited to tender at that time. Bespoke Events then left the meeting.

6. D-Day 80th Anniversary 6/6/2024

It had been agreed by Council to participate by holding a short church service followed by lighting a beacon at 9.45pm, as suggested by the National Pageant Master. In discussion with the church representative, several actions about the 30-minute service including which clergy robes are to be worn and the church providing tea/coffee/biscuits after the service, paid for by the Council were decided and agreed. **Resolved**

The Council will provide a PA system, the beacon lighting kindly undertaken by Cllr Gareth Rowlands again, a parading of the Council's standard, contacting the bugle player, and a few words from the Mayor as the beacon is lit. **Resolved**

7. Admirals Field Mid-Summer event 3/8/2024

As reported in Item 4 above, the event now has a budget of £7,000. The focus of the day is for community fun and the highlighting and celebration of the work of various volunteer groups. The Clerk suggested that a large marque be rented for all the invited voluntary groups to be housed to present their work and potentially recruit new volunteers, plus two smaller marques for any entertainment. A soft play inflatable area will be provided to entertain the children. The estimated cost of the cost of the above is £4,800, leaving £1,200 for other activities or actions. **Resolved.**

Members agreed a time for the event as 10am to 3pm. **Resolved**

Members noted that the Bowling Cub would be providing a children's competition in the morning and their BBQ refreshments all day.

The Chairman suggested that local small food/drink providers be encouraged to participate and that financial support is available if required. **Resolved**

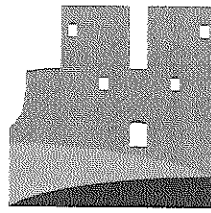
Parking on Admiral's Field area will not be permitted. **Resolved**

Members discussed a potential list of voluntary groups that might take part and it was agreed that the Clerk would pull together a list of them. Members were reminded that the focus is about a volunteering awareness and recruitment and it is not just an income generating day for them by selling any goods they may have to offer.

The recording was switched off.

8. Date of the next meeting

June 11th at 7.30pm in the Hwb



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Road Safety Working Group held on 2nd May 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Cllr Mike Kermode (Mayor)
Cllr Val Simmons (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Mike Elgin (Chair)
Cllr Jackie Burnham
Steve Wilson - Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Cllr Reg Davies
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Gareth Rowlands
Cllr Bleddyn Williams
Paul Smith – Assistant Clerk

2. Declarations of Interest

None given

3. Poster Competition

The staff at Ysgol Y Castell had already shortlisted. Councillors were very impressed with all the pictures and eventually choose 10 winners. All shortlisted entries will receive a certificate and small gift. The winners will receive a £20 gift voucher previously agreed. Clerk to get the winning designs painted onto the glass bus shelters and get a banner with all the finalists printed. **Resolved.**

4. Active Travel Plan

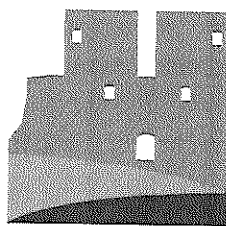
Update from Ben Wilcox Jones stating DCC have secured further funding for more scheme development (not construction) during 2024/25 and will shortly be in a position to discuss engagement and design with RTC.

Members asked this to be passed onto the member of public who has been asking for an update.

5. 20mph Update

Members discussed the decision by Ken Skates at the Welsh Assembly to consult on the 20mph issue with residents, councils and other stakeholders. Cllr Mike Elgin proposed that RTC write to Ken Skates with the council's observations on roads that should be made back to 30mph and the indirect impact to bus routes highlighting the Tweedmill example. Seconded by Cllr Val Simmons. **Resolved**
Cllr Mike Kermode proposed that in line with the new consultation that RTC write to DCC to reiterate the roads that the council had agreed should be considered to be changed back to 30mph, seconded by Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

5 Date of Next Meeting – To be confirmed but will be in mid-July



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

**Minutes of a Joint Meeting with Representatives from other Local Councils
regarding a New Cemetery for North West Denbighshire.**

Held on 7th May 2024

Present:

Cllr Mike Kermode (Rhuddlan)
Cllr Val Simmons (Rhuddlan)
Steve Wilson (Rhuddlan)
Cllr Jacquie McAlpine (Rhyl)
Gareth Nickels (Rhyl)
Cllr Colin Hardie (St Asaph)
Cllr Peter Scott (St Asaph)

1. Apologies

Cllr Dave Parry (Dyserth).

2. Declaration of Interest

None given

3. Discussions

Cllr Mike Kermode welcomed and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting. He had circulated a document that outlined the main case for a new cemetery in North West Denbighshire, with associated information about the key issues.

It was agreed that the views of the Denbighshire County Council (DCC) officers that Prestatyn Cemetery will become the main burial place was not acceptable for a number of reasons, mainly its location and accessibility.

Each council was asked for their position on the issue of a new cemetery. Cllr. Kermode stated that it was in Rhuddlan's previous and current Town Plans. Rhyl stated that the issue has been on the agenda since 2010 and that they were committed to the objectives of this group. St Asaph stated it is not in their city plan, however it would be prudent to be involved as their cemetery could be used up quicker especially with the new crematorium being so close and the large increase seen in the internment of ashes.

A question was asked if cemeteries could only be used by local residents but it was stated that this was not the case because cemeteries was a DCC responsibility.

Cllr Kermode's document looked at the main considerations for a new cemetery which included size, costs, consultation with residents, location of site, development and who would operate the cemetery when open. He had received information from an officer in Flintshire County Council (FCC) about the business case for the extension of Hawarden cemetery, which showed the potential for the construction and operating costs to be well covered by burial income fees. The FCC papers mentioned that 1 hectare could provide 1,500 graves.

Cllr Kermode said that he had been in touch with a specialised consultancy that would do a free desk-top exercise on a couple of proposed sites and that it would then cost approx. £10,000 for a detailed assessment for any sites that had the potential for development.

A discussion on how big the new site would have to be, how many grave plots a year are required and the data from DCC was questioned. It was agreed to ask the DCC Burials Officer for further information on burials and cremations as well as the running costs and income for the Prestatyn cemetery.

It was agreed that the next step will be to take the case for a new cemetery to DCC at member level, using the arrangements through the Communities Scrutiny Committee. The main aim is to get the issue for a cabinet level discussion. It was suggested that the approach is made jointly by all the local councils in this MAG area and those that might be affected by the lack of burial capacity. This was agreed and is to be co-ordinated by Rhuddlan Town Council.

It was also agreed that the group's present membership should continue, regardless of changes in the position of Mayors at the different councils, so as to provide continuity on the issue.

SignedCllr Mike Kermode

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ADMIRALS FIELD RHYL ROAD RHUDDLAN LL18 2TP

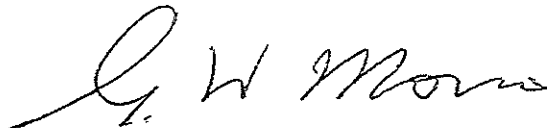
Town Clerk
Rhuddlan Town Council
P O Box 242
Mold
Flintshire
CH7 9FW

26th March 2024

Grant Application – Clwb Bowlío Rhuddlan Bowling Club

I enclose a completed Grant Application form on behalf of the above together with enclosures as requested.

Yours faithfully



Gareth W. Morris

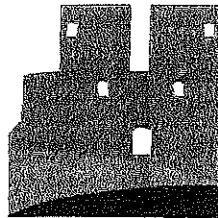
Treasurer

Clwb Bowlío Rhuddlan Bowls Club

E Mail :

Mobile:

Mail to:



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Grants and Community Support Awarding Policy and Application Form (Approved 10/11/2022 and reviewed annually)

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- Cultural activities including promoting the Welsh Language
- Biodiversity
- Recreational activities
- Community activities
- A healthier Rhuddlan
- A safer Rhuddlan

Eligibility¹

- Must have a bank or building society account
- Applications must be for initiatives that benefit the Rhuddlan area or residents of Rhuddlan
- Applications can only be submitted from recognised "not for profit" community group or organisation²
- All applications must submit an up to date set of accounts/ bank statement
- Retrospective grants will not be considered

¹ The council will consider applications from groups and organisations that organise National Cultural events that can be attended or accessed by Rhuddlan residents.

² The council may accept applications from "for profit" organisations when the project significantly benefits the local community.

Procedure

- The grant application form can be obtained from the Town Clerk or downloaded from the Town Council website
- Applications can only be considered at the full monthly town council meeting
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After receipt of grant

- The Town Council must be included in any publicity material.
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Application for Grant Funding and Community Support

Details about your Organisation/Group

Organisation name Clwb Bowlio Rhuddlan Bowls Club

What are the main aims/objectives of your organisation? Maximum 50 words

Club Bowlio Rhuddlan is a dual Bowling club and a community not for profit organisation for the benefit of Rhuddlan residents, many of whom are elderly and suffering from disabilities and isolation. The club has nearly 100 members most of whom reside in Rhuddlan. We have members who live well with dementia and find Bowling a sport which helps considerably in their lives.

Where and when does your organisation meet?

Bowling Green, Admirals Playing Field, Rhyl Road Rhuddlan.

Matches take place from March to October, and activities take place throughout the Winter

Project / Activity Details

For what purpose are you applying for funding (please continue on a separate sheet if required)

The club is fortunate to have a large amount of bench seating situated around the bowling green including inside several covered shelters. These seats enable people to sit and enjoy the bowling being played by others as well as enjoying social interactions with other people which is important for members who are living alone and do not see people day in day out.

The benches are used extensively during the bowling season. Many of the people using the benches are elderly who suffer age related disabilities, not to mention people going through treatments for Cancer and other serious illness and as such find such seating very uncomfortable.

The Club has many homemade foam padding cushions which are used to enable people to be able to sit for several hours in comfort. These cushions are now over 20 years old and are basically falling apart and are in urgent need of replacement.

We wish to replace the cushions with more durable ones which have a waterproof cover. The current ones are covered in fabric and whilst we store the cushions inside the clubhouse, they can sometimes get wet if a sudden shower occurs. The replacement cushions would therefore be able to withstand a shower.

The club hosts on a regular basis County level matches between teams representing Wales and teams from English Counties. These matches attract many spectators, and all our seating is used.

During the season the club has 7 teams in various league and host matches up to 4 times a week. The numbers attending usually are more than 40. Two of the teams play in a Senior Citizens League so are elderly.

The club has been successful in receiving awards from Britain in Bloom over the past 2 years and is very active in promoting biodiversity within the community. This includes involving children from Ysgol y Castell who regularly attend the Club to help with planting and learning about biodiversity. The benches are used by the children during these sessions.

Please state the amount you are asking for with a breakdown of the estimated total costs:

We want to replace the 21 seat cushions we currently have. We have asked Renshaws Upholstery in Rhyl to supply a quote for such an order. They have quoted for 21 foam cushions with a 2-sided vinyl cover fully zipped at £1,200.

Please provide details of any other sources of income to be used towards this project/activity/event:

The club currently has funds however these are required for the day to day running. Running the club and maintaining the facilities is very expensive and the subs we receive from members does not cover all expenses. We therefore have funding raising activities throughout the year to break even. We also heavily rely on the generosity of members.

Approximately how many people from the Rhuddlan Area will benefit from this project/activity/event?

At least 100 people if not more.....

Has your organisation/group received a grant from Rhuddlan Town Council in the last three years?

Yes ☐

If yes, please provide details:

We received a grant of approx. £800 to buy junior bowls for use of children from Ysgol y Castell and other junior groups in Rhuddlan such as the Cubs, brownies etc

Please provide any other information that you would wish the Council to take into account when considering this application:

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Statement to be completed by the Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer of the organisation.

I confirm that all the information on this form is true and correct and that any grant received will be used for the specified purpose(s) only.

I confirm I have enclosed a copy of the following documentation to support this application (if not, please state reason why below)

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Copy of latest audited accounts Yes ☒ No ☐

Copy of latest bank statement Yes ☒ No ☐

Covering letter on headed notepaper Yes ☒ No ☐

Name GARETH W. MORRIS

Position TREASURER

Signature G. W. Morris Date 26/3/24

Please return this form to:

Town Clerk, Rhuddlan Town Council, PO Box 242, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 9FW

07775 673706 clerk@rhuddlantowncouncil.gov.uk

Clwb Bowlio Rhuddlan Bowling Club – 2023 Balance sheet

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Subscriptions	£2885.00	Rent	£600.00
Catering	£3553.52	Donation	£ 15.00
Match Fees	£ 852.50	League Fees	£ 592.00
Grants	£ 942.80	Catering	£2030.81
Utilities	£ 675.57	Office Supplies	£ 497.72
Sale of Football Cards	£ 400.00	Utilities	£1291.02
Sale of Bowls & Bags	£ 95.00	Insurance	£ 332.11
Sale of Books	£ 37.00	Maintenance	£2655.77
Donations	£ 75.00	Mower & Watering System	£13632.25
TOTAL INCOME	£9516.39	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£21646.68

Bank Balance as at 5/10/22 £18595.21cr

Plus Income for 2023 £ 9516.39

£28111.60

Less expenditure for 2023 £21646.68

Bank Balance as at 5/10/23 £ 6464.92cr

Plus Petty Cash £ 54.40

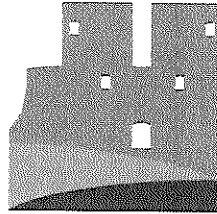
Total Funds held £ 6519.32

I have audited the club's accounts from information provided to me by the Treasurer and found them to be correct.

Iwan Davies

27/10/23

I. W. Davies



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Application for Grant Funding and Community Support

Details about your Organisation/Group

Organisation nameRiver And Sea Sense Ltd

Name of Secretary ...Helen Roberts

Address 3 Connaught House Benarth Road Conwy

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LL32 8UB

Post Code Tel ...

Llywelynfinacial@gmail.com

Email.....

Name of TreasurerAs above

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Address

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Post Code Tel

Email.....

What are the main aims/objectives of your organisation? Maximum 50 words

My name is Debbie Anne Turnbull MBE – I lost my son Christopher almost 18 years ago to drowning at Capel Curig to drowning – He was 15 years old and an excellent swimmer. He fell into a waterfall that took his life of which Cold Water Shock was a contributing factor. RASS to date had educated over 750.000 young people across wales as to the dangers of open water. RASS aims to educate young people in schools – youth groups – and also by workshops held in leisure centres along our local coast line. We are also providing online lessons for parents which will be launched this month. Our Legacy project however is teaching teachers and police forces and organisations to deliver our own bespoke water safety program – this has been trialled with police youth engagement officers.

Where and when does your organisation meet?

Our organisation meets at our head office monthly in Llandudno and we also have training meetings for our Ambassadors along the North Wales Coast

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Project / Activity Details

For what purpose are you applying for funding (please continue on a separate sheet if required) ...

RASS would like to train 2 teachers at Castell Infant/Junior School to be able to deliver our bespoke water safety course to school pupils teachers and of course parents – RASS will train them to deliver this fully – following government guidelines and the school will have access to our program so that delivery is easy to use in a plug and play system – We will work with the school to support them and they will become a RASS Waterwise Ambassador as part of Christophers Legacy.

Please state the amount you are asking for with a breakdown of the estimated total costs:

The program with full teacher notes 3 x online courses and training of 2 staff plus ongoing support will be provided at a Beta Cost of £450 which is half the price of the cost when launched officially later this year.

Please provide details of any other sources of income to be used towards this project/activity/event:

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N/A

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Approximately how many people from the Rhuddlan Area will benefit from this project/activity/event?

It is anticipated that approx. minimum of 1500 people will benefit from this education as the children will have leaflets to take for their parents/guardians and there will be opportunities for the school to work with RASS to educate parents also in the future

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Has your organisation/group received a grant from Rhuddlan Town Council in the last three years?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please provide details:

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..... Please
provide any other information that you would wish the Council to take into account when
considering this application:

I have worked in this arena for almost 18 years and won many Awards in that time including
from UK Government – having spoken there on many occasions – however my most
prestigious Award was this last week whereby I received an MBE presented by Princess Anne
At Buckingham Palace for services to water safety

Please see www.riverandseasense.com

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Statement to be completed by the Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer of the organisation.

I confirm that all the information on this form is true and correct and that any grant received
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Yes x ☐ No ☐

Covering letter on headed notepaper

Yes x ☐ No ☐

Debbie Anne Turnbull

Name

Founder and Managing Director

Position

Signature *HAVE A PHOTO OF SIGNED COPY*
Debbie Date *8/5/24*

Please return this form to:

Town Clerk, Rhuddlan Town Council, PO Box 242, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 9FW

07775 673706 clerk@rhuddlantowncouncil.gov.uk

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

River and Sea Sense Ltd

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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River and Sea Sense Ltd

Income Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
TURNOVER	-	-
Other income	36,445	16,333
Other charges	(31,707)	(20,291)
Taxation	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS)	<u>4,738</u>	<u>(3,958)</u>

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	31.3.23		31.3.22
	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		1	1
CURRENT ASSETS	9,503		163
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	(509)		(1,036)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		8,994	(873)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,995	(872)
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year		15,718	10,589
NET LIABILITIES		(6,723)	(11,461)
RESERVES		(6,723)	(11,461)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

River and Sea Sense Ltd is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address are as below:

Registered number: 06700481

Registered office:

2. AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was NIL (2022 - NIL).

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 29 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Turnbull - Director

River and Sea Sense Ltd

Detailed Profit and Loss Account
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23		31.3.22	
	£	£	£	£
Income		-		-
Other income				
Grants received		36,445		16,333
		<u>36,445</u>		<u>16,333</u>
Expenditure				
Rent	520		120	
Use of residence as office	216		216	
Telephone	1,774		1,385	
Postage and stationery	2,343		119	
Advertising	944		801	
Travelling	296		663	
Motor expenses	3,000		2,000	
Administrative expenses	11,908		6,000	
Licences and insurance	584		943	
IT Support	975		-	
Repairs and renewals	234		664	
Courses	1,346		2,963	
Network event costs	141		1,821	
Reference materials	812		-	
Sundry expenses	578		986	
Course tutors	1,740		-	
Accountancy	350		350	
Subscriptions	1,584		-	
	<u>29,345</u>		<u>19,031</u>	
		7,100		(2,698)
Finance costs				
Bank interest	862		-	
Bank loan interest	1,500		1,260	
	<u>2,362</u>		<u>1,260</u>	
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)		<u>4,738</u>		<u>(3,958)</u>

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River and Sea Sense Ltd

Detailed Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Plant and machinery	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS		
Directors' current accounts	9,327	-
Bank account no. 1	176	163
	9,503	163
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	(509)	(649)
Accruals and deferred income	-	(240)
Directors' current accounts	-	(147)
	(509)	(1,036)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	8,994	(873)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	8,995	(872)
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Other loans - 1-2 years	(6,491)	(7,000)
Capital on Tap	(9,227)	(3,589)
	(15,718)	(10,589)
NET LIABILITIES	(6,723)	(11,461)
RESERVES		
Retained earnings	(6,723)	(11,461)

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Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Preparations are well underway for the 2024 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and I am writing to you as part of our annual fundraising appeal to Local Authorities, Town and Community Councils.

We are immensely appreciative of the support we have received in the past and I am writing to ask if you would consider supporting us again in 2024.

Llangollen Eisteddfod's rich heritage extends back to the unique innovation of the founders in 1947, who saw the festival as a means of using the arts to bring different peoples together in a spirit of peace and friendship. The Eisteddfod has always been a community led initiative and continues on this basis with the support of some 600 volunteers. Bringing significant community benefits, the event attracts around 4,000 competitors each year and audiences of around 20,000 throughout the week. This brings an estimated £1.6 million in economic benefits to the area while the festival is taking place, and is an important part of the region's cultural and heritage offering, enhancing the tourism profile of NE Wales throughout the year.

2024 will see our biggest Eisteddfod since the pandemic, with the annual town Parade, a reinvigorated Eisteddfod field with plenty of family entertainment, as well as four outside performance areas, workshops, celebrations of our Welsh heritage and daily showcases of cultures from around the world.

As well as a number of collaborations with arts organisations and charities across NE Wales, we'll also be partnering once again with Llangollen Fringe Festival, and working with Llangollen Town Council to ensure that both events, and the town's wider festival offering are bringing increased benefits to local community members, businesses and visitors.

Along with our Core Eisteddfod Week running from 2-7 July, we are also putting on a number of additional events either side of this, in collaboration with Cuffe & Taylor, who are part of Live Nation. This will include world-class performers such as Bryan Adams, Simple Minds, and Nile Rodgers.

We hope that you can continue to support us both financially and ideologically in any way that you can, to help us with this event which showcases the best of Welsh culture both at home and across the globe.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Dave Danford | Artistic Director

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Eisteddfod Gerddorol Ryngwladol Llangollen

Mae paratoadau ar droed ar gyfer Eisteddfod Gerddorol Ryngwladol Llangollen 2024 ac rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch fel rhan o'n hapêl codi arian blyneddol i Awdurdodau Lleol a Chynghorau Tref a Chymuned ar draws Cymru.

Rydym yn ddiolchgar iawn am y gefnogaeth rydym wedi'i chael yn y gorffennol ac rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch i ofyn yn garedig a fyddech chi'n ystyried ein cefnogi unwaith eto yn 2024.

Mae treftadaeth gyfoethog Eisteddfod Llangollen yn ymestyn yn ôl i arloesedd unigryw'r sylfaenwyr yn 1947, a welodd yr ŵyl fel modd o ddefnyddio'r celfyddydau i ddod â gwahanol bobloedd ynghyd mewn ysbryd o heddwch a chyfeillgarwch. Mae'r Eisteddfod wedi bod yn fenter a arweinir gan y gymuned o'r cychwyn cyntaf ac mae'n parhau i fod felly gyda chefnogaeth tua 600 o wirfoddolwyr. Mae'r digwyddiad yn denu tua 4000 o gystadleuwyr bob blwyddyn a chynulleidfaoedd o tua 20,000 ar hyd yr wythnos. Amcangyfrifir bod hyn yn dod â £1.6 miliwn o fuddion economaidd i'r ardal tra bod yr ŵyl yn cael ei chynnal, ac mae'n rhan bwysig o arlwy diwylliannol a threftadaeth y rhanbarth, gan wella proffil twristiaeth gogledd-ddwyrain Cymru ar hyd y flwyddyn.

Mi fydd yr Eisteddfod eleni y mwyaf ers y pandemic gyda gorymdaith liwgar trwy'r dref, digwyddiadau cyffrous ar faes yr Eisteddfod a llawer o adloniant i deuluoedd. Ar y maes bydd 4 lleoliad i berfformiadau, gweithdai a chyfle i ddathlu ein etifeddiaeth Cymraeg gyda perfformiadau dyddiol gan grwpiau o bedwar ban y byd.

Yn ogystal â chydweithio gyda nifer o sefydliadau celfyddydol ac elusennau ar draws gogledd ddwyrain Cymru, byddwn hefyd yn gweithio mewn partneriaeth gyda Gŵyl Ymylol Llangollen unwaith eto, ac yn gweithio gyda Chyngor Tref Llangollen i sicrhau bod y ddau ddigwyddiad, ac arlwy ehangach y dref yn dod â manteision cynyddol i aelodau'r gymuned leol, busnesau ac ymwelwyr.

Gyda ein Eisteddfod craidd sydd yn cael ei chynnal o Orffennaf 2ail i'r 7fed bydd nifer o gyngherddau ychwanegol cyn ac ar ol yr Eisteddfod. Mae rhain wedi eu trefnu mewn partneriaeth gyda Cuffe a Taylor, rhan o Live Nations. Bydd rhain yn cynnwys perfformwyr byd enwog fel Bryan Adams, Simple Minds a Nile Rodgers.

Gobeithiwn y gallwch barhau i'n cefnogi yn ariannol ac yn syniadol mewn unrhyw ffordd y gallwch er mwyn ein helpu i barhau â'r digwyddiad hwn sy'n arddangos y gorau o ddiwylliant Cymru gartref ac ar draws y byd.

Edrychaf ymlaen at glywed gennych.

Cofion cynnes

Dave Danford | Artistig Llawrydd

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Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Limited (The)

Report and Financial Statements 30 September 2023



Eisteddfod Gerddorol Ryngwladol Llangollen Cyfyngedig

**Adroddiad a Datganiad Ariannol
30 Medi 2023**

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

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Officials

Hon Chairman:

Sarah Ecob (Resigned 1/12/23)

Hon Vice Chairman:

Chris Adams (Company Secretary 31/1/23)(Chair 1/12/23)

Hon Treasurer:

Lucy Morris

Hon Company Secretary

Nico DeCourt (Resigned 31/3/23)

Lead board member for safeguarding

Sarah Ecob

Directors/Trustees

S Ecob (Chair)

Professor C Adams (Vice Chair)

L Morris (Treasurer)

N Decourt (Resigned 9/8/23)

K. Boydon (Retired 9/8/23)

G Carlton

J. Gambles

L. Jones (Retired 9/8/23)

I. Llewelyn-Jones (Resigned 9/8/23)

K. Young

K Price (Appointed August 2023)

S Kong (Appointed August 2023)

A Davies (Appointed August 2023)

D Hennigan (Appointed August 2023)

S Ferron (Appointed August 2023)

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

Legal and administrative details

Name

The Company's full name is Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Limited (The).

Constitution

The Company (number 1165311) is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. The Company is also a registered charity (number 504620).

Trustees

The Company's directors, as set out on the contents page, are the trustees and are referred to as such throughout.

Governing document

The Company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Names and addresses

The address of the registered office, and names and addresses of the Company's professional advisers are given within the contents pages.

Trustees' report

The Trustees present their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 8 December 2021. The Company became a registered charity on 13 October 1975. Membership is open to anyone, subject to approval by the Board. All members agree to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 in the event of the Company being wound up. All Elected Trustees are Members.

Organisation and appointment and training of trustees

The governance of the Eisteddfod is undertaken by the Standing Board, comprising twelve trustees, subject to vacancies. A trustee may be appointed by ordinary resolution at an Election Member meeting and hold office for a maximum of 6 years, after which they must retire. The Standing Board may appoint a trustee, such a trustee must retire at the next Election of Members meeting and may be nominated by the Standing Board for election or appointed as a Trustee by the Standing Board. The selection and recruitment of new trustees is the responsibility of the full Board. New trustees are proactively recruited to meet any skills gaps as identified by the Board.

The Executive Producer is responsible for operational management and artistic developments and reports to the Chairman.

Training of trustees is undertaken through 1:1 meetings with staff and the Chairman, and Board away-days.

Related parties

The Charity has a close relationship with The Friends of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, a separately registered charity which devotes its entire profits to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. In 2023 the Friends pledged £15,000 to the Eisteddfod. Their continued financial support and fundraising activities during the festival and throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

Risk management

The Trustees review the major risks the Charity faces on a continuous basis. The Trustees ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet committed expenditure. Budgets are set at the start of the year and regular budgetary review meetings are held, at which any deviation from budget is considered in detail.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2023 (continued)

Objectives

The objective of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is to promote international harmony and goodwill through the staging of an annual eisteddfod open to competitors from the nations of the world, and thereby to promote education and knowledge of the arts generally to the benefit of the public.

People

The Eisteddfod employs a small team of staff. During the 2022/23 financial year an Executive Producer was employed who was responsible for operational management and artistic developments and reports to the Chairman. This post was made redundant in August 2023. Employees work closely with volunteers throughout the year to deliver the annual event.

Volunteers are integral to the delivery of the Eisteddfod's business and to the festival itself. Functions operated by volunteers include the following: -

Organising hospitality and Transport for Overseas visitors
Setting up and maintaining floral displays
Assisting in the marketing of the Eisteddfod
Controlling ticket sales and Ticketing booths
Running the Visitor information Centre and selling a range of merchandise
Stage management, stewarding and ushering during the festival plus assisting in the music office.
Site maintenance, including Health and Safety organisation and control of stall holders.
Maintaining an Eisteddfod archive

Achievements and performance

The 2023 Eisteddfod was the first full 6 day event since 2019. The 2020 and 2021 events were cancelled due to Covid 19 and the 2022 comeback Eisteddfod opened its doors from Thursday to Sunday. In 2023 the Eisteddfod welcomed over 18,687 spectator visitors to the site, and over 3,000 school children from the local area attended the Children's Day. Many competitors from across the globe were hosted. S4C broadcasted the Choir of the World competition and an Eisteddfod highlights programme. The return of the Parade of Nations was warmly welcomed and will continue to be a key element of the Eisteddfod in future years. The Inclusion Project performance was featured within the evening concert programme and was a highlight for many visitors. Welcoming Ukrainian people as guests, performers and concession stand volunteers was extremely poignant and demonstrated the important role the Eisteddfod can play in placing Wales on the world stage.

The evening concert programme was a mixed success, overall ticket sales were disappointing (see below)

<u>Concert</u>	<u>Ticket Sales</u>
Alfie Boe (3,356 tickets)	3,356
White Flower (921 tickets)	921
Propellor Ensemble - Featuring Parad of Nations and Inclusion Project	906
Guy Barkers Big Band	913
Choir of the World	1,622

Alfie Boe was welcomed back to the Eisteddfod with a near sell out concert. As always the Choir of the World concert was popular. The White Flower concert featured a massed community choir, performers from Bosnia and Ukraine, and New Sinfonia and was enjoyed by the audience.

Financial review

Financially 2022 and 2023 were very challenging with significant losses made in both years. This is reflective of lower than forecast ticket sales and increasing costs of putting on the event. This has depleted the reserves of the charity.

The charity generated income of £810,269 in the year (2022 - £871,943) and made expenditure of £ 1,027,101 (2022 - £725,266). The net loss for the year was -£216,832 (2022 - £146,677). At 31 September 2023, there were unrestricted funds of £183,069 (2022 - £321,302) and restricted funds of £77,967 (2022 - £156,566).

The grant support received from Welsh Government Major events Unit (£90,000) and the Arts Council of Wales (£80,000) to support the delivery costs of the festival has enabled the organisation to continue in circumstances that had seriously threatened the viability of the organisation.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's reserves consist of the General Fund, Fair Value Reserve arising from a revaluation freehold land in 2009, and Restricted Funds. Details of these are shown in notes 20, 21 and 22 to the Financial Statements.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2023 (continued)

Reserves Policy Continued

The Charity's current level of free reserves is £77,071 (unrestricted reserves less tangible fixed assets). This represents the funding available to spend and support core costs of the organisation.

The trustees recognise the importance of maintaining a realistic level of unrestricted reserves to ensure that adequate funds are available to enable the charity to continue in its activities in the event of a drop in funding or a significant setback. The trustees have a general objective that, to safeguard the Eisteddfod reserves should be sufficient to enable the festival to operate for 6 months' expenditure and the estimated operating costs of the festival. While the current level of unrestricted reserves falls well below this target level, it provides a buffer against financial difficulties as we move into 2024. The Reserves policy and the optimum level of reserves will be considered by the Standing Board in 2024.

Plans for future periods

The Charity has reviewed its business model and has developed a new strategy to stabilise the financial position and to secure the future of the Eisteddfod. For the 2024 event we are expanding the core festival and have entered into partnership with promoter Cuff & Taylor (Live Nation) to deliver concerts at the International Pavilion outside of the Eisteddfod week and to co-promote three high profile concerts during the Eisteddfod. The core ethos of the Eisteddfod will remain and be built on with plans to deliver a multi-faith service during the week with a high profile speaker. Also, we will be working locally with the North East Wales Multi-cultural Hub and groups associated with the Hub will be welcomed to the Eisteddfod to perform and to celebrate their culture. As in future years we will be commissioning a Kaleidoscope Project (formerly the Inclusion Project) which will culminate with a performance on stage at the Choir of the World competition. The competition syllabus has been reviewed and updated and we have formed new connections with partners to improve our global communication. Information has been shared via all British Council offices as well as through new contacts in Japan, Malta and Hong Kong. Our overall strategy aims to attract new and more diverse audiences to the event.

We are also developing a new income generation strategy which aims to support and build on existing fundraising activities. This includes events and concerts throughout the year which will raise funds and also ensure that the profile of the Eisteddfod is increased. We have reviewed and updated our sponsorship packages and have received funding from Arts Council Wales to appoint a professional fundraiser.

Directors'/Trustees' responsibilities

United Kingdom Company Law requires the directors, who also act as trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year, Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
Prepare the financial statement on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Independent Examiners

The current Trustees have made themselves aware of any information needed for the purpose of the independent examination and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information. The Trustees are not aware of any relevant information of which the Independent Examiner is unaware.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

A resolution proposing that Salisburys and Company Business Solutions Limited be reappointed as Independent Examiners of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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Lucy Morris

For and on behalf of the Board

Date:.....

Report of the Independent Examiners to the Members of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Limited (The)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Limited (The)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Aled Owen Roberts

Salisbury & Company
Chartered Accountants
Irish Square
Upper Denbigh Road
St Asaph
Denbighshire
LL17 0RN

Date:

Statement of financial activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 30 September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	4	14,156	33,815	47,972	95,087
Investment income	6	717	1,148	1,865	45
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Tickets and other sales	3	557,063	16,592	573,655	415,337
Sponsorship income		10,178	-	10,178	40,000
Grants and local authorities	5	176,600	-	176,600	321,474
Total incoming resources		758,713	51,556	810,269	871,943
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds		1,319	-	1,319	477
Charitable Activities					
Site	7	201,157	14,671	215,827	182,557
Music and staging	8	337,820	79,030	416,850	307,977
Competitors	9	134,615	12,925	147,539	45,327
Commercial	10	151,423	23,529	174,952	151,517
		826,333	130,154	956,487	687,855
Governance Costs	11	4,950	-	4,950	3,450
Other resources expenditure	12	65,664	-	65,664	33,961
Total resources expended	13	896,948	130,154	1,027,101	725,266
Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains or losses		(138,235)	(78,598)	(216,832)	146,677
Fair Valuation Adjustment of Freehold Land	22	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in funds		(138,235)	(78,598)	(216,832)	146,677
Total funds brought forward		321,304	156,565	477,869	331,191
Total funds carried forward	20,21,22	183,069	77,967	261,037	477,868

There have been no other recognised gains or losses in either the current or previous financial year other than those disclosed above.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet at 30 September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15	106,000	-	106,000	106,000
Current assets					
Stocks	16	1,903	-	1,903	2,197
Debtors and prepayments	17	111,753	-	111,753	54,000
Cash at bank and in hand		91,405	105,618	197,022	434,603
		<u>205,061</u>	<u>105,618</u>	<u>310,679</u>	<u>490,800</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(127,994)	(27,650)	(155,644)	(118,933)
Net current assets		<u>77,067</u>	<u>77,967</u>	<u>155,034</u>	<u>371,867</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>183,067</u>	<u>77,967</u>	<u>261,034</u>	<u>477,867</u>
Creditors: amount falling due after more than one year	19	-	-	-	-
Net assets		<u>183,066</u>	<u>77,967</u>	<u>261,034</u>	<u>477,867</u>
Income funds					
General fund	20/22			183,071	321,304
Restricted funds	21			77,965	156,563
Total funds				<u>261,036</u>	<u>477,867</u>

Company Registration Number: 1165311

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 14th February 2024

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Lucy Morris

For and on behalf of the Board

Date:

The notes on pages 10 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flow at 30 September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	28	(157,188)	(82,258)	(239,445)	(75,809)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Interest income	6	717	1,148	1,865	45
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	15	-	-	-	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>717</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>1,865</u>	<u>45</u>
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings		-	-	-	-
Cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(156,471)	(81,109)	(237,581)	(75,764)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		247,877	186,727	434,604	510,368
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>91,406</u>	<u>105,618</u>	<u>197,023</u>	<u>434,604</u>

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The 2022 and 2023 Eisteddfodau resulted in financial losses; attracting audiences back post pandemic has been a challenge. To The directors have reviewed the company's performance throughout the period and subsequent to the year end and, as a result believe that the preparation of the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate.

Charitable trading activities

Income from ticket sales and other sales revenue are included in incoming resources in the accounting period in which the Eisteddfod takes place.

Valuation of fixed assets

All fixed assets with the exception of land are valued at cost. Land is re-valued periodically by the Trustees and any change in market value is accounted for via the unrealised fair value reserve.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less additional costs to completion and disposal.

General Reserves

Of the general reserves fund there are £99,275 of Non Distributable funds which have arisen from the fair valuation of land owned by the Eisteddfod.

Donations, legacies and other voluntary income

Donations, legacies and any other form of voluntary income or benefit to the Charity are recognised within the statement of financial activities in the year to which the income or benefit relates.

Grants

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance, have been recognised when the charity becomes entitled to the grant. This treatment is in line with the Charity SORP and the charity's accounting policy.

Restricted and unrestricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the object of the Charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is reported gross of related income on the following basis:

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with site maintenance, the staging of concerts, competitors' welfare and commercial activities in relation to the Eisteddfod.

Governance costs relate to accountancy and independent examination fees incurred.

Other resources expended relate to irrecoverable VAT written off, which arises due to the company operating a Partial Exemption Scheme.

Expenditure allocation and apportionment

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost related directly to that activity.

In instances where resources expended relate to more than one activity, funds are apportioned Commercial 70%, Site 15% and Music and Staging 15%, with the exception of salaries and associated costs where the apportionment relates to the time spent by each member of staff in any activity.

Volunteers and donated services

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the Charity. Donated services and facilities are analysed in note 4.

The value of services provided by volunteers is not recognised in these financial statements.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided on all tangible fixed assets, except land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its estimated useful economic life, as follows:

Property Improvements and fixtures & Fittings	20%	on cost
Computer Hardware	20% / 50%	on cost

Pension costs

Pension costs are charged to the profit and loss account on the basis of the amounts of contributions payable to the defined contribution pension schemes in respect of the accounting period.

Irrecoverable VAT

Income and expenditure is included in the accounts net of VAT. The cost relating to irrecoverable VAT is charged as a single cost to the SOFA.

Foreign Expenditure

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are included within the SOFA.

Leased assets

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership (finance leases), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as amounts payable to the lessor. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged to the profit and loss account.

Lease payments are analysed between capital and interest components. The interest element of the payment is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and is calculated so that it represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding. The capital part reduces the amounts payable to the lessor.

All other leases are treated as operating leases. Their annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

2. Net incoming resources

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net incoming resources are stated after charging		
Independent examination fee	3,950	3,450
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets – owned	-	-
Hire of plant and machinery	-	-
- operating leases		
- short-term hires	149,288	81,769
Lease of land and buildings	7,000	7,000

3. Tickets and other sales

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Tickets and other sales				
Tickets	287,063	-	287,063	195,639
Broadcasting	50,000	-	50,000	125,000
	<u>337,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,063</u>	<u>320,639</u>
Site Income				
Site Rents	32,899	-	32,899	25,111
Rents Received	989	-	989	989
	<u>33,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,888</u>	<u>26,100</u>
Other Income				
Competitors Liaison	148,688	14,558	163,246	41,915
Other sales				
Advertising	1,525	-	1,525	650
Bar Income	5,092	-	5,092	6,033
Booking Fees & Postage & Packing	11,668	-	11,668	4,521
Floral	-	2,034	2,034	1,397
Fundraising	-	-	-	151
Merchandise Sales	2,634	-	2,634	1,889
Parking Income	12,106	-	12,106	8,291
Programmes	4,057	-	4,057	3,723
Sundries	342	-	342	28
	<u>37,424</u>	<u>2,034</u>	<u>39,458</u>	<u>26,682</u>
	<u>557,063</u>	<u>16,592</u>	<u>573,655</u>	<u>415,337</u>

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

4. Donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Friends of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	-	15,000	15,000	36,000
General Donations	10,530	1,330	11,860	24,479
Anonymous Donations	-	-	-	18,000
Donated services	-	2,810	2,810	2,510
Prizes	-	13,265	13,265	9,036
Floral	-	500	500	500
Hospitality	-	910	910	639
comp club	-	-	-	-
HMRC Gift Aid	1,127	-	1,127	3,784
Legacy - Horne	2,000	-	2,000	-
Legacy - Morgan	500	-	500	-
Legacies from Prior years	-	-	-	139
	<u>14,156</u>	<u>33,815</u>	<u>47,972</u>	<u>95,087</u>

5. Grants and local authorities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Local Authorities				
Unitary and Community Councils	4,500	-	4,500	8,414
Grants				
Arts Council of Wales	82,100	-	82,100	200,000
Major Events Unit, WAG	90,000	-	90,000	-
Cultural Recovery Fund	-	-	-	75,000
James Pantyfedwyn	-	-	-	12,000
Blakemore Grant	-	-	-	100
MBNA	-	-	-	18,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	-	-	7,960
	<u>176,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,600</u>	<u>321,474</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Bank and money market interest	717	1,148	1,865	45
	<u>717</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>1,865</u>	<u>45</u>

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

7. Site Expenditure	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI and Pensions	17,154	11,948	29,102	22,237
Cleaners and Materials	9,332	-	9,332	5,755
Ushers & Volunteer Costs	2,684	-	2,684	1,822
Utilities	6,505	-	6,505	4,376
Car Park Costs	10,230	-	10,230	6,365
Equipment Hire	11,644	-	11,644	16,531
Canvas & Porta Cabins	35,001	-	35,001	25,681
Site Decoration	-	857	857	2,187
Security & Medical	43,734	-	43,734	36,582
Maintenance	40,168	-	40,168	38,130
Temp Power	7,685	-	7,685	7,159
Floral	-	1,857	1,857	969
Exps & Training	120	-	120	400
Rent & Rates	8,363	-	8,363	7,776
Postage, Printing and Stationery	229	8	237	395
Telephones	1,289	-	1,289	1,129
Insurance	1,264	-	1,264	1,656
Health & Safety	5,486	-	5,486	3,210
Sundries	269	-	269	197
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	<u>201,157</u>	<u>14,671</u>	<u>215,827</u>	<u>182,557</u>

8. Music and staging expenditure	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, NI and Pensions	18,593	14,242	32,835	26,622
Production Manager	7,509	-	7,509	5,310
Concert artists' fees and expenses	124,423	35,196	159,618	48,128
Sound Equipment, staging and lighting	134,689	-	134,689	145,905
Community days	17,124	-	17,124	21,150
Grant Costs	350	-	350	-
Competitors' club	-	-	-	100
Adjudicators, Presenters and Accompanists	14,033	-	14,033	11,645
Prizes and Trophies	2,589	29,082	31,671	31,027
Performing rights	8,086	-	8,086	8,151
Hire of Halls and instruments	5,228	510	5,738	4,775
Staff expenses and training & Recruitment	125	-	125	420
Volunteers' meals and expenses	2,013	-	2,013	1,367
Postage, Printing and Stationery	237	-	237	395
Telephones	1,289	-	1,289	1,129
Insurance	1,264	-	1,264	1,656
Sundries	269	-	269	197
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
	<u>337,820</u>	<u>79,030</u>	<u>416,850</u>	<u>307,977</u>

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

9. Competitors' expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Accommodation	91,626	450	92,076	19,885
Transport				
Local coaches	20,781	-	20,781	5,995
Long-distance coaches	15,347	-	15,347	4,140
Other				
Meals	73	1,850	1,923	978
Group Assistance	-	3,600	3,600	2,950
Other Misc. Associated costs	-	1,805	1,805	339
Salaries, Social Security costs and Pensions	6,783	5,219	12,003	11,027
Staff expenses	4	-	4	13
	<u>134,615</u>	<u>12,925</u>	<u>147,539</u>	<u>45,327</u>

10. Commercial Expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Salaries Social Security costs and Pensions	42,811	21,808	64,619	46,751
Staff expenses & recruitment	45	-	45	3,481
Staff training	318	-	318	803
Advertising	17,503	-	17,503	16,681
Subscriptions	604	-	604	633
Sponsorship & Corporate Hospitality	124	-	124	4,665
Archive & Research	-	1,722	1,722	4,173
Publicity & Marketing	10,155	-	10,155	4,538
Programme, Ticket & Seat label printing	4,370	-	4,370	2,292
Advertising Signs & Banners	4,950	-	4,950	1,327
Consultancy & Licence Fees	9,011	-	9,011	17,101
Public Relations	5,195	-	5,195	8,000
Bank & Credit Card Charges	12,029	-	12,029	5,338
Ticket Agency commission	11,830	-	11,830	6,111
Repairs, Servicing and leasing of Equipment	3,203	-	3,203	2,605
Website & IT Costs	12,810	-	12,810	9,890
Volunteer Costs	2,013	-	2,013	1,367
Postage, printing and stationery	1,107	-	1,107	1,843
Telephones	6,017	-	6,017	5,266
Insurance	5,898	-	5,898	7,726
Sundries	1,255	-	1,255	921
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
Bad Debts	0	-	0	-
Fundraising costs	175	-	175	5
	<u>151,423</u>	<u>23,529</u>	<u>174,952</u>	<u>151,517</u>

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

11. Governance Costs	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Independent Examination fees	4,950	-	4,950	3,450
	<u>4,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,950</u>	<u>3,450</u>

12. Other Resources Expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Irrecoverable VAT	65,664	-	65,664	33,961
	<u>65,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,664</u>	<u>33,961</u>

13. Total resources expended

	Staff Costs	Depreciation	Other Costs	2023	2022
Cost of Generating Funds	-	-	1,318	1,318	477
Site	29,102	-	186,726	215,827	182,557
M&S	32,835	-	384,015	416,850	307,977
Competitors	12,003	-	135,537	147,539	45,327
Commercial	64,619	0	110,334	174,953	151,517
Governance	-	-	4,950	4,950	3,450
Other	-	-	65,664	65,664	33,961
Bad Debts	-	-	0	0	-
	<u>138,558</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>888,543</u>	<u>1,027,101</u>	<u>725,266</u>

14. Employees

	2023	2022
Staff costs consist of:	£	£
Wages and salaries	122,032	93,265
Social Security Costs	10,662	8,886
Pensions	5,864	4,485
	<u>138,558</u>	<u>106,636</u>

No Individual employee was paid £60,000 per annum or above.

The average number of employees, analysed by function, was:

	2023	2022
Administration	5	4
Marketing	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year. Total out of pocket expenses of £nil were reimbursed to Trustees during the year (2023 - £nil).

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)
15. Fixed assets

	Freehold Land £	Property Improvements £	Plant and Equipment £	Total £
<i>Cost or valuation</i>				
At 1 October 2022	106,000	75,953	302,892	484,845
Additions	-	-	0	0
	<u>106,000</u>	<u>75,953</u>	<u>302,892</u>	<u>484,845</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>				
At 1 October 2022	-	75,953	302,892	378,845
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>75,953</u>	<u>302,892</u>	<u>378,845</u>
<i>Net book value</i>				
At 30 September 2023	<u>106,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,000</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>106,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,000</u>

The Trustees have confirmed that at the year end the market value of the freehold land is not significantly different to the net book value.

Comparable amounts determined according to the historical cost convention are as follows:

	Freehold Land £	Property Improvements £	Plant and Equipment £	Total £
Cost	6,725	75,953	302,892	385,570
Accumulated depreciation	-	(75,953)	(302,892)	(378,845)
<i>Net Book Value at 30 September 2023</i>	<u>6,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,725</u>
<i>Net Book Value at 30 September 2022</i>	<u>6,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,725</u>

16. Stocks

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Merchandise	1,217	-	1,217	646
Trophies	686	-	686	1,551
	<u>1,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,903</u>	<u>2,197</u>

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

17 Debtors and prepayments	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Debtors	107,261	-	107,261	53,224
Prepayments and accrued income	4,492	-	4,492	776
	<u>111,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,753</u>	<u>54,000</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Creditors	68,591	-	68,591	15,488
Accruals and deferred income	50,285	27,650	77,935	96,554
VAT	9,118	-	9,118	6,890
	<u>127,994</u>	<u>27,650</u>	<u>155,644</u>	<u>118,933</u>

19 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Long term Creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

20 General fund	£
Balance at 1 October 2022	222,031
Surplus on income and expenditure account	(138,235)
Balance at 30 September 2023	<u>83,796</u>

21 Restricted funds

ACW Connect & Flourish
Connect and Flourish Project works with a diversity of voices, cultures, and languages in Wales.

ACW Strategic Grant
Grant received from Arts Council of Wales towards the strategic implementation of the Executive Producer position, alongside other key personnel.

Archive
Donations & grants received specifically to develop the LIME archive. During this period a Heritage lottery grant has been used towards digitalising our archive materials

Assistance from Friends
Donations received from Friends during the Covid 19 Period we given to assist in the cost of Core Staffing as we moved forward to re open following the hiatus caused by the pandemic

Cefn Bryn Bequest
The income from this bequest is used to purchase flowers for the Eisteddfod.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

21 Restricted funds (*continued*)

Childrens Day Grant

Grant received to assist with the costs of the childrens entertainment and other associated costs of childrens day.

Competitors' Bursaries

Funds received by way of donations towards both our Bursary Scheme and our Gift to the World Scheme. The monies are used to help towards the costs incurred by competitors from less privileged countries.

Floral

Restricted income arises from donations specifically received for floral purchases and funds received from floral sales. Any monies not used by the Floral Committee in the year are carried forward.

Future Eisteddfod

Monies received during the year to assist with putting on an Eisteddfod when we are able following the covid-19 pandemic

Hospitality

Monies received from the Hospitality Committee by way of donations and fundraising events and activities. Monies are to be spent on items requested by Hospitality Committee.

Peace Message and Competitors' Club

Donations received specifically for use in these areas.

Prize Funds

Monies received by way of donations or grants to pay for prizes.

Reach Out Project

Monies received to attract young people from Communities First areas to volunteer with the Eisteddfod.

Site Development Fund

Monies received to invest in making the Eisteddfod field more eye catching

Town Decoration

Money received from the local authority to assist in the costs of decorating the town in readiness for the Eisteddfod

Volunteer Assistance

Donation received with the expressed request that the monies are spent on items that will assist the volunteers and staff in carrying out their day to day duties.

Volunteer Development

Monies for up-skilling volunteers and providing travelling expenses for ambassador volunteers, and also used for promoting volunteer opportunities, in 2023 the funds were used to pay for the volunteer co ordinator to carry out volunteer training for all our volunteers.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

21 Restricted funds (Continued)

	Balance at 1 Oct 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 Sept 2023
	£	£	£	£
ACW Connect & Flourish Grant	29,000	-	-	29,000
ACW Statagic Grant	30,209	222	30,431	-
Archive Project	5,522	121	1,722	3,921
Assistance from Friends	5,301	15,252	20,552	-
Cefn Bryn Bequest	18,764	-	-	18,764
Competitors Bursaries	5,839	793	3,600	3,032
Donations & Services in kind	-	2,810	2,810	-
Floral	5,116	2,709	1,857	5,967
Future Eisteddfod Events	34,939	256	35,196	-
Hospitality	1,925	924	1,125	1,724
Peace message & Competitors Club	975	7	-	982
Prize Funds	10,650	27,902	29,082	9,470
Reach out project	704	5	-	709
Volunteer Assistance	2,374	517	689	2,203
Volunteer Development	2,218	16	2,235	-
	<u>156,563</u>	<u>51,556</u>	<u>130,154</u>	<u>77,965</u>

22. Fair Value reserve

	Balance at 1 Oct 2022	Revalued in Year	Balance at 30 Sept 2023
	£	£	£
Freehold and leasehold land	<u>99,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,275</u>

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

23. Analysis of net assets between funds

At 30 September 2023	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Long-term liabilities	Total
<u>Restricted funds:</u>	£	£	£	£
ACW Connect & Flourish Grant	-	29,000	-	29,000
Archive Project	-	3,921	-	3,921
Cefn Bryn Bequest	-	18,764	-	18,764
Competitors Bursaries	-	3,032	-	3,032
Floral	-	5,967	-	5,967
Hospitality	-	1,724	-	1,724
Peace message & Competitors Club	-	982	-	982
Prize Funds	-	9,470	-	9,470
Reach out project	-	709	-	709
Site Development Fund	-	2,191	-	2,191
Volunteer Assistance	-	2,203	-	2,203
	-	77,965	-	77,965
Unrestricted Funds	106,000	77,066	-	183,066
Balance	106,000	155,031	-	261,031

24. Connected Charity

Friends of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is a separately registered charity which devotes its entire profits to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. The assets and liabilities of this Charity are not included on the Balance Sheet of this Company.

During the course of the year LIME collected £1,078.75 income for Friends and made payments of £9,494.89 on their behalf. Following an interim payment in march the balance of this was paid in full shortly after the year end.

25. Operating lease commitments

The Charity has no non-cancellable operating lease commitments.

26. Pensions

The Charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered funds. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the funds and amounted to £8,678 (2022, £4,485).

27. Taxation

The company is a registered charity and no provision is considered necessary for taxation.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

28. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
Net movement in funds	(138,233)	(78,598)	(216,831)	146,679
Add back depreciation charge	-	-	-	-
Deduct interest income shown	(717)	(1,148)	(1,865)	(45)
Decrease (increase) in stock	293	-	293	2,157
Decrease (increase) in debtors	(57,753)	-	(57,753)	43,273
Increase (decrease) in creditors	39,222	(2,511)	36,711	(267,872)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(157,188)	(82,257)	(239,444)	(75,808)

29. Support Costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
Commercial Salaries & Staffing Costs	45,186	21,808	66,994	52,401
Marketing Activities	38,408	-	38,408	31,178
Office Costs	24,392	1,722	26,114	24,698
Consultancy & Legal Costs	9,011	-	9,011	17,101
Banking & Administration Costs	29,757	-	29,757	19,175
	146,754	23,529	170,283	144,553

30. Related Party Transaction

There were no related party transactions during the year.

31. Capital Commitments

As at 30 September 2023 the charitable company had no capital commitments (2022: £nil)

32. Legal Status of the Charity

The charitable company operates as a registered company limited by guarantee, the number of guarantees being 368. The liability of each guarantor is limited to £1.

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Dear Councillors

11th April 2024

We are a small charity based in Swansea, that helps children affected by cancer and their families all across the UK, and have proudly been providing a full range of our services for families for 35 years this year. We are currently helping several families that has a child affected by cancer living in Flintshire & Denbighshire and we're hoping you might very kindly help us please, we'd be thrilled if you could please.

Children and families who need our support are referred to us via hospital oncology departments, social services, schools and other charities from all over the UK, and our promise to our users is to give them complete confidentiality, as you would expect from any health authority. We help in excess of 2,000 children and their families all over the UK every year and are proud to have been doing so for 35 years this May.

Our services include: Play Therapy; Bereavement Counselling; Befriending; Support Groups; Compassionate Care Respite Breaks UK and Disneyland Paris Dream Experience & finally Disneyworld Florida Dream Experience.

The families are normally at rock bottom when they have a respite break, their world torn apart with a diagnosis of cancer in their child. The family will be split as one parent normally stay's with the child in hospital, while the other will need to return to work, and any siblings just don't understand what's going on, and why they are having to stay at grandmas, extended family, friends or even neighbours, and not forgetting the sick child will often endure months of painful treatments, but very likely years.

Our respite breaks are usually the first thing the families can look forward to in a long time, and the breaks are designed to give the families precious time together, to re-build their bonds, and just be a normal family again. we provide Respite Breaks in our four Luxury mobile homes, we have 2 in West Wales, & 2 in North Wales, plus a luxury Lodge in Burnham-On-Sea. plus we have the use of a luxury caravan in the New Forest. All are set in prime positions in Haven Parks, with onsite entertainment including a swimming pool indoor and outside, plus we source tickets to local attractions for the families.

We also send families to Disneyland Paris for a 3 day stay all-inclusive in a Disney Hotel with three day complimentary theme park passes for admission into Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios with additional Genie Lanyards allowing priority access to jump all the queues.

And finally a trip of a lifetime to Disneyworld Florida, where the families stay with our charity partners Give Kids The world, all-inclusive with tickets for the parks and fast track Genie Lanyard to

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jump the queues, followed by a week relaxing in the charities very own luxury Villa, with it's own pool and BBQ area, situated in Kissimmee, 20 mins from the parks and close to all the restaurants and local attractions: Everglade air rides, Downtown Disney and only an hour from Kennedy Space Centre.

Due to feedback we gain from the families, these breaks are crucial to their wellbeing, as they help to re-build relationships, the sick child usually feels more confident and finds it easier to mix with other children, and more amenable to resuming treatments.

These breaks cost £500 to send one family away to the UK, £750 to Disneyland Paris or £1,200. To go to Disneyworld Florida. any amount towards this would go such a long way, we'd be delighted if you could help please.

Thank you for your very kind consideration

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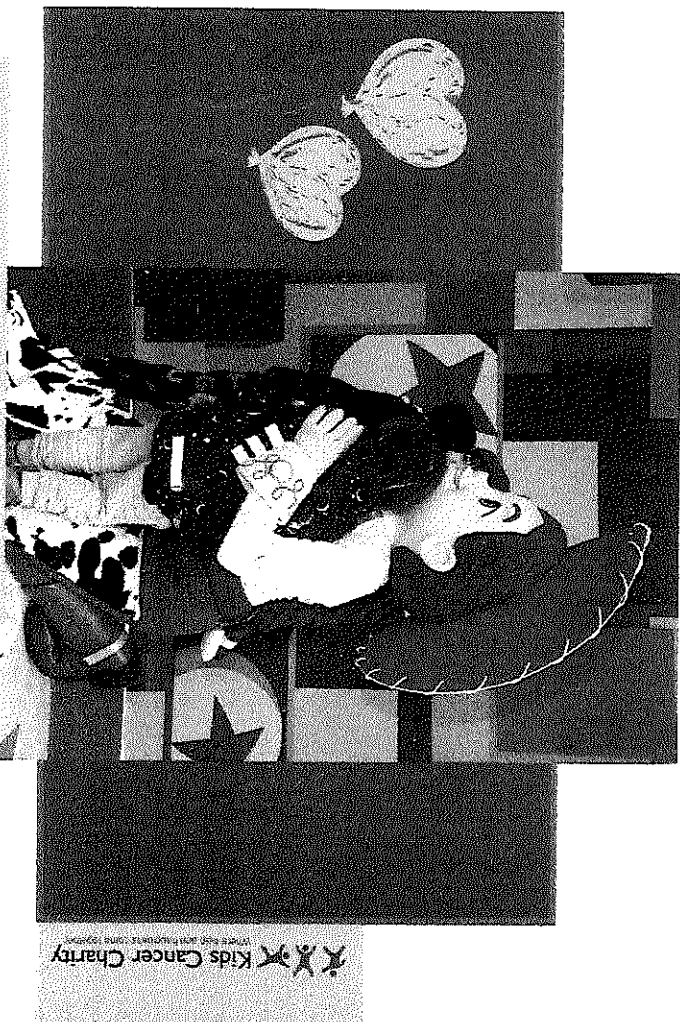
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We are a heart led organisation run by a small dedicated operational team. We are committed to keeping our costs to a minimum ensuring we maximise the use of the funds we receive where they are needed most; our services to children affected by cancer and their families. We are totally dependent on voluntary income and every donation makes a difference.



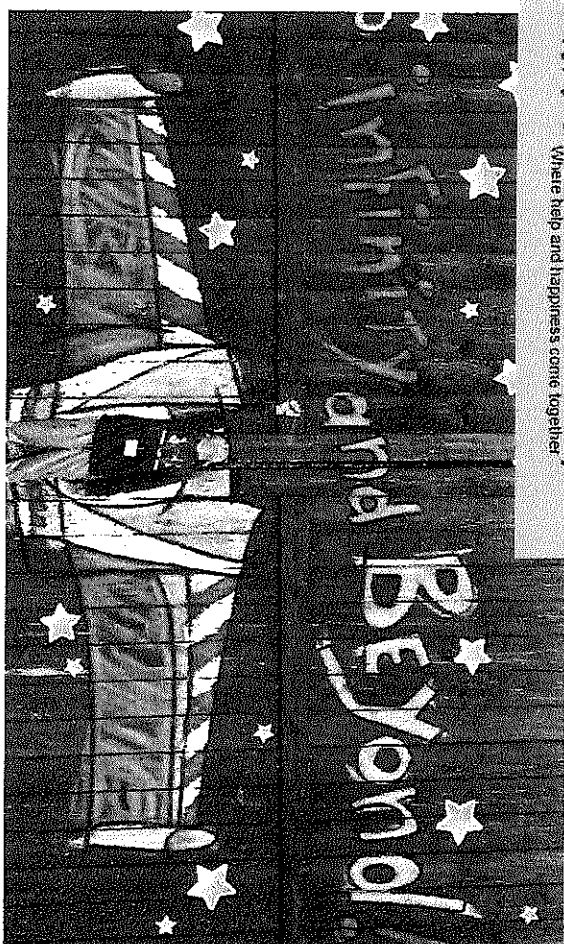
Why kids, why Cancer?.. the million dollar question!
In the unimaginable situation families find themselves in, being able to keep a family together with hope and support to live as much life together as a family with hopelessly less financial burden is a worthy cause, and will lift me up those mountains.

Last year a family friends teenage daughter was diagnosed with leukaemia, out of the blue. I recently discovered an old colleague is surviving cancer, having been diagnosed just before her young daughter, simply heart breaking. It's compelled me to cherish health and challenge myself. So let's raise some money and keep families together
-Sam Wood, 3 Peaks climber

Small acts of kindness together can do great things - every donation makes a real difference in the lives of the children and families we work with; it lifts spirits, provides hope, renews adventure, restoring wonder and excitement to childhoods.



Kids Cancer Charity
(Where help and happiness come together)

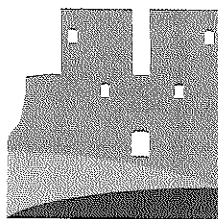


Our specialist Play Therapists provide emotional support and development; through a child's natural language of play they are able to express emotions and gain understanding to make sense of their experiences, assisting them with coping. With a wide range of emotions and trauma caused by either a cancer diagnosis or loss through cancer our Play Therapists are there every step of the way, with no time limit on the support they offer.

Time away from hospitals, treatment plans, the physical demands of unrelenting clinical routine and the emotional toll, our care breaks are another form of therapy and give the precious gift of time together. Providing an opportunity to recharge and create valuable lasting memories they open a world of possibility when all around can seem hopeless.

Whether enjoying UK breaks at the seaside, lakes, mountains or forest at Lydstep, Burnham-on-Sea, Porthmadog or The New Forest, family feedback tells us how their children grow in confidence, feel less isolated and regain their childhoods again. At Disneyland Paris and Disney World Florida all things whimsical meet with happy smiles and magical moments, creating lasting memories to cherish. Think castles, safaris, talking trees, trains, rooms full of stars, horses, Disney characters, there's even ice-cream morning, noon and night.

It is my privilege to lead a dedicated team and be able to make a difference to families experiencing the most difficult times. Sometimes it's the end of a nightmare journey 'ringing the bell' and moving forward, other times it's being able to facilitate the making of memories. When you support a small organisation like ours it helps us to do amazing things
-Victoria, General Manager



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Town Council

Application for Grant Funding 2024/2025

Details about your organisation / Group

Name of Organisation: Kids Cancer Charity

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Name of Secretary General Manager. Ms Victoria Jones

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Address Fairfield . Waunarlwydd Road, Cockett. Swansea

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Post Code SA2 0GB..... Tel 01792 480 500

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Email.... Victoria.jones@kidscancercharity.org

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Name of Treasurer Financial Officer . Mrs Kerrin Brown

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Address As above

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Post Code Tel

Email Kerrin.brown@kidscancercharity.org

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What are the main aims/objectives of your organisation? Maximum 50 words

We aim to improve the quality of life for children affected by cancer and provide emotional and practical support that compliments and adds value to the services provided by the statutory authorities

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Where and when does your organisation meet?

We work at the above address on a daily basis

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Project / Activity Details

For what purpose are you applying for funding (please continue on a separate sheet if required)

...Attached a separate sheet of paper

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Please state the amount you are asking for with a breakdown of the estimated total costs:

The cost of a respite break is £500. To send one family for a break in the UK . The total cost for the Respite Breaks we anticipate at £124,424. Which includes: Maintenance, Site Fees, Refurbishment, Utilities, Cleaning, support costs and insurance(the management infrastructure is already in place and separately costed) making the average cost per family £500.to cover for costs incurred owing to postponements and cancellations due to children's conditions and treatment.

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Please provide details of any other sources of income to be used towards this project/activity/event: We continuously fundraise to the Business community, Schools, Churches, Community groups: Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, & Round Tables, plus grant giving Trusts and Foundations. If we don't manage to fundraise the whole amount the family will still have their break as the charity will cover the costs.

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Approximately how many people from the Rhuddlan Area will benefit from this project/activity/event?

One family

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Has your organisation/group received a grant from Rhuddlan Town Council previously?

No x ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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Please provide any other information that you would wish the Council to take into account when considering this application:

We are a small charity helping a huge amount of families, we would be delighted if you could please help .

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Statement to be completed by the Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer of the organisation.

I confirm that all the information on this form is true and correct and that any grant received will be used for the specified purpose(s) only.

I confirm I have enclosed a copy of the following documentation to support this application (if not, please state reason why below)

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Copy of latest audited accounts Yes ☒ No ☐

Copy of latest bank statement Yes ☒ No ☐

Covering letter on headed notepaper Yes ☒ No ☐

Name Mrs Rosemarie Davies
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Position Community Engagement Officer
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Signature *R. Davies*.....
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Date 8th May 2024

Please return this form to:

Town Clerk
Rhuddlan Town Council
Clos David Owen
Rhuddlan
LL18 2UJ

Or email clerk@rhuddlantowncouncil.gov.uk

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Directors' report and financial statements
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Company information

Directors	K Shastri - Chairman T T Dewan P C Hunt R I Ambrose D West
Secretary	V Jones
Company number	05536898
Charity number	1113821
Registered office	Child Care Centre Waunarlwydd Road Cockett Swansea Wales SA2 0GB
Auditors	RH Jeffs & Rowe 27/28 Gelliwastad Road Pontypridd CF37 2BW
Business address	Waunarlwydd Road Cockett Swansea Wales SA2 0GB
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Newburgh House Charter Court Pheonix Way Swansea

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Trustees' Annual Report
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The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 21 to 23 and comply with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities. This report also represents the directors' report as required by Company Law

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity during the year were:

Dr. K Shastri (Chairman)
Mr. T T Dewan
Mr. P C Hunt
Mr. R I Ambrose
Mr. D West

Constitution

The charity was first registered at the Charity Commission in May 1989 as Christian Lewis Trust and became an incorporated company limited by guarantee from the 1st April 2007 with the name Christian Lewis Trust Limited. In July 2011 the charity's name was changed to Kids Cancer Charity to better reflect the services offered by the charity. The operation of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are empowered to invest the resources of the charity at their discretion.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by invitation only. A prospective Trustee is invited to attend a number of meetings and then, if appropriate, invited to join the charity. Trustees are members of the board and all are unremunerated volunteers.

Trustee Induction and Training

All trustee induction and training is conducted in house and provided by other trustees and the management team. The trustees take full advantage of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

History

Kids Cancer Charity was established in 1989 as Christian Lewis Trust to help children with cancer and their families. The charity is an equal opportunity organisation and its objectives remain unchanged as we continue to strive to help all children affected by cancer but we have, over the last 30 years broadened the range and scope of the services we offer in order to meet the ever changing demands.

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Although the incidence of childhood cancer has increased since the 1960's, it is most gratifying that with the advances in the management and treatment of cancer, eight out of ten children now survive five years or more. With the growing numbers of childhood cancer incidence and survivors, the charity remains committed to reach all those children and their families who may need its help. The charity is an equal opportunity organisation and the Trustees are committed to an environment that is free from any form of discrimination on the grounds of colour, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation or disability. The charity continues to make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of staff or families who are or become disabled.

Our Aims

- To improve the quality of life for children and teenagers aged between 3 and 18 years of age who are affected by cancer.
- To provide emotional and practical support that complements and adds value to the services provided by the statutory authorities.
- To recognise that childhood cancer affects the entire family.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular, the Trustees have referred to and complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees considered how the Charity's planned activities have contributed to the aims and objectives they have set. The Board seeks to provide a structured training programme that develops its staff's capabilities, competences and skills to ensure the very best of care for families utilising our services.

Who do we help?

- Children and teenagers who have cancer.
- Siblings of children/teenagers who have been diagnosed with cancer.
- Children/teenagers who are on treatment.
- Children/teenagers who are having palliative care for terminal cancer.
- Siblings of children/teenagers who have a terminal prognosis.
- Children/teenagers who have been bereaved by cancer.
- The families of any of the above

Our services

- Play Therapy
- Bereavement Support
- Befriending
- Support Groups
- American Dream Experience Programme

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- Disneyland Paris Programme
- Compassionate Care Breaks in the UK

Therapeutic Services

In addition to coping with their diagnosis of cancer, children and teenagers can also find it difficult to cope with the emotional and psychological consequences of their illness. In contrast to adults, the treatment protocols for children are often delivered on extended timescales over many months. For example, a child with Leukaemia may undergo continuous chemotherapy for 39 months or more. These treatments and surgical procedures can be very frightening to children and affect every aspect of their lives and well-being. The brothers and sisters of a child with cancer are also affected and siblings may be traumatised by the very real possibility of bereavement. These powerful emotions deeply affect the whole family. Our experienced therapists work with these children and their families to provide the support to help them through these very difficult times.

Play Therapy

Play Therapy enables children to express themselves through the medium of play. The therapist's role is to provide a safe, supportive, empathetic and unconditional environment for the children to explore and communicate their feelings. To do this the therapist must have the skills to engage the children's natural language of play to provide the context to enable them to express their feelings. One of the important aspects within play therapy is the relationship and trust the therapist is able to build with the children. Our therapists use puppets, musical instruments, art etc. for children to play out and therefore communicate their sense of trauma and life experiences.

Bereavement Support

Death is one of the most painful losses an individual can experience. The pain and grief of bereavement can be overwhelming particularly if there are children involved.

The charity has extensive experience of helping children and teenagers come to terms with death and offers 'one to one' bereavement support as well as facilitating support groups.

When we work with a bereaved child or teenager, we recognise that grief can be unpredictable and that parents in particular experience shock, denial, anger, depression, and desolation. What is important is that we support these families throughout their grieving process. Although we cannot take the pain away, we can help individuals focus and cherish their happy experiences as a family and provide the necessary support through their grief.

As well as supporting children or young persons to express their feelings, we also make sure that they feel able to talk and remember the person who has died. Our experience shows that even in the most loving of families, a grieving child or young person will not mention the person who has died, for fear of 'making' others feel sad. Yet research shows that children and young people need to talk and remember the one who has died.

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Befriending

Dealing with bereavement, a life-limiting illness or supporting a loved one who is very ill can be one of the greatest challenges anyone has to face. We offer befriending opportunities either face to face or on the telephone to overcome a sense of isolation and to support a parent/guardian/carer through these very difficult times.

Befriending offers the opportunity to talk in confidence to someone who has a deep understanding of the many issues associated with cancer. Our befrienders offer a supportive relationship and are able to talk about many difficult issues including death, the stages and process of dying, the likelihood of experiencing pain and the powerful emotions always associated with a diagnosis of cancer.

Support Groups

We have a number of support groups whose members share a similar experience and are therefore able to provide mutual support for each other whilst sharing experiences and the opportunity to seek help and support. This may take the form of relating personal experiences, listening to other members' experiences, providing sympathetic understanding and establishing friendships. These group sessions can help individuals work through their difficulties, offer a sense of belonging and dispel isolation.

Each group has a facilitator who helps the group to express common experiences and who ensures that everyone in the group is included. The facilitator also makes the practical arrangements for the meeting.

Holiday Programmes

The children/teenagers and their families often have to endure many months or even years of difficult and painful treatment that has an emotional impact on the whole family. They are devastated and can feel frightened, anxious and confused by everything that is going on around them. The charity offers direct and practical support to these families and those bereaved by cancer and having to cope with their loss and grief.

Our holiday programmes offer families a much-needed break and gives them the opportunity to spend quality time together away from hospitals, work and other pressures. It gives families something positive to look forward to and a goal to achieve.

American Dream Experience

It is almost every child's dream to visit Mickey Mouse and friends in the Magic Kingdom, but a visit to America can be an overwhelming experience if you have a child with cancer. The charity gives families the opportunity to visit the Magic Kingdom and meet many of the characters, building special memories that will last forever. The charity tailors all itineraries individually to meet the needs of each family providing a stress-free holiday for the whole family. Theme Park visits can be an exciting 'Experience of a Lifetime' and we pride ourselves on ensuring that families are well briefed before they travel to ensure they get the very best from the visit.

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As part of our 'American Dream Experience' families have the opportunity of staying at our luxury four bedroomed 'Home from Home' villa which is situated in a quiet location next to a conservation area, yet within easy distance of all the major theme parks in Orlando.

Disneyland Paris Programme

Kids Cancer Charity works with Disneyland Paris offering children with cancer, and their immediate families (parents/guardians/brothers/sisters) the opportunity of a three-day break to visit Mickey and his friends at Disneyland Paris. Accommodation on offer is at an on-site Disney Hotel i.e. Newport Bay Club (or similar) which is situated on the shore of Lake Disney and includes a free three day unlimited admission pass to both Disneyland Park and Walt Disney Studios Park. Our families are provided with a priority badge that allows the whole family to bypass the queues for the rides.

Compassionate Care Breaks in the UK

Our UK breaks are designed around families with children or teenagers with cancer to enable them to spend quality time together in a relaxed environment. The Charity offers families a free holiday at one of our four caravans in Wales. Often this will be the first family holiday since diagnosis and provides the whole family with an opportunity to spend time together away from the stresses of hospital and invasive treatment allowing them to rebuild the family unit. The parents also have peace of mind knowing that, if they do unexpectedly need treatment for their child, the best medical facilities are easily available and there is always back-up support close to hand.

One of our luxury caravans is fully adapted for wheelchair users, and all have central heating, double glazing and are sited on holiday parks in three different coastal locations in Wales.

Who have we helped in the past year?

Here are some of the family stories of children and teenagers who we have helped during 2021 - 2022. For reasons of confidentiality names have been anonymised.

Play Therapy

Delilah's story

Delilah (14) was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma only a few weeks after her stepfather's death. In the midst of her grief, Delilah became convinced that she had somehow contributed to her stepfather's death and that the cancer diagnosis was her punishment. The hospital urgently referred Delilah to the charity.

Through gentle exploration with non-directive play therapy, the charity's therapist was able to establish a strong bond with Delilah, enabling her to express feelings of profound loss, numbness and isolation, whilst also helping to deal with the deep emotional challenges of intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Over time, the therapy sessions helped Delilah better understand her treatment and cancer journey, whilst ensuring that Delilah did not have to face the emotional dread of chemotherapy alone.

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To her surprise, Delilah found that she took great comfort from arts and crafts and discovered that she loved 'Diamond Art' producing beautiful mosaics that her family loved. The charity also encouraged Delilah to start recording her thoughts and feelings in a visual journal and helped her practice stress relieving techniques.

The charity supported Delilah and her family throughout her treatment journey and happily, in March 2023, and in keeping with the best of hospital tradition, Delilah proudly (and very loudly) rang the Oncology bell to celebrate the completion of her treatment.

The family is now looking forward to a well-deserved relaxing holiday at one of the charity's seaside caravans.

Molly's story

Molly was only five years old when her sister Emily (7) was diagnosed a brain tumour in 2019. Emily started radiotherapy in a hospital more than two hours from home. Although Molly did not fully understand, she did miss her sister deeply and wondered why they were not able to play together with their dolls, dressing them with outfits from their toy wardrobe.

The charity's therapist began seeing Molly for play therapy sessions in which Molly could talk about her feelings and worries about her sister. In the midst of Emily's treatment, the corona virus pandemic was declared, and the Covid-19 regulations restricted the therapist's home visits.

The charity's responded to this unprecedented challenge by rapidly devising novel play therapy approaches using mobile phones and iPads and posting all play therapy materials in advance to the children involved. As the pandemic restrictions eased, Molly's play therapy sessions took place in the family's garden and as autumn arrived, the sessions were moved indoors with the therapist in full PPE.

Sadly, despite her doctor's best efforts, Emily began to deteriorate, and she started palliative care. The main living room in Molly's home was turned into Emily's bedroom, with a hospital bed taking up the space where they used to play together with their dolls. Molly's play therapy sessions now needed to prepare Molly for her sister's death and the sessions included pre-bereavement activities.

After four years bravely coping with her diagnosis, Emily died in March 2021. Molly was bereft and used her play therapy sessions to talk about her aching grief for the loss of her sister. Over the following year Molly's therapy sessions continued as she worked through her emotions, worries and the prospect of life without her sister.

Happily, today Molly is a confident 10-year-old who enjoys school and dancing and is looking forward to her very first school dance show.

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American Dream Experience

Rosie's story

Rosie was only three years old when she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. Her treatment was over two years of continuous gruelling chemotherapy and Rosie completed her treatment in the midst of the national lockdown. Unable to mark the event and celebrate, Rosie's diagnosis began to affect her confidence and outlook.

Rosie's family felt that a once in a lifetime holiday visiting Mickey and friends in Florida would mark the beginning of a new chapter for Rosie and her younger sister Amber. The family enquired about a trip to Florida with the charity's American Dream Experience, but their plans were thwarted by the pandemic's global travel restrictions.

Following the lifting of the travel restrictions, Rosie's family were one of the first to stay at the charity's villa in Florida in July 2022, as well as enjoying a further two weeks in California.

On returning from holiday the family contacted the charity to say that they had had an amazing holiday and a busy week visiting the theme parks in Florida.

Mum said "Thank you so much for making this holiday possible, I cannot put into words how much it meant to our family, and it came at the perfect time for us. We have finally had some closure on Rosie's treatment after finishing so quietly during shielding".

"Rosie had struggled with her emotions and feelings about her illness and treatment and because of the lockdown, we were unable to properly mark the end of treatment as her celebrations were muted by Covid. This incredible holiday gave us a chance to fully celebrate how brave Rosie (and at times her sister) had to be and how far she has come since. It gave our family unbelievable memories and a chance to feel we could celebrate fully and gain some closure - an opportunity we felt had been taken away from us. Since returning, Rosie is more settled in herself, and we feel the holiday and our memories made all the difference to Rosie's wellbeing. We all feel so much better having spent a very special holiday together".

"We have made so many happy, happy memories - it was truly and unforgettable time for us and we are so grateful for all the care and support from the Kids Cancer Charity".

Disneyland Paris

Emma's story

Before Emma was two years old, she was diagnosed with a brain tumour and over the next two years endured multiple brain operations, gruelling chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant. Happily, she is now in remission and getting stronger. Sadly, the treatment has left Emma with long term side effects including epilepsy and developmental deficits.

Emma's family approached the Kids Cancer Charity while looking for a way to treat Emma and her sister to an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience. After Emma's treatment protocols and many hospital admissions, Mum and Dad wanted to reconnect as a family. They felt that Emma's younger sister had also missed out on so much, whilst mum and dad were looking after Emma.

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It turned out that Emma and her sister's absolute dream was to meet Anna and Elsa, the sisters from the Disney movie, Frozen.

The Kids Cancer Charity speedily arranged the most special weekend for Emma, and her sister to travel to Disneyland Paris with hotel stays and three full days of theme park passes. The arrangements included the family being met by Disney staff, who presented the family with the coveted Disney Wish priority lanyards, and the whole family particularly enjoyed a full 'VIP' welcome and of course meeting Anna and Elsa in full Disney costume finery!

The family got in contact on the day they arrived home from Paris to thank the Charity for making Emma's wish come true and making such magical memories together.

"I just wanted to email to say a massive thank you!!! We have just returned from the most amazing trip to Disney (literally this afternoon). Emma met Anna and Elsa (and has kept talking about it since) and both girls had the most amazing time (they of course didn't want to come home). The Disney shows, rides, parades and fireworks were all highlights, plus meeting many of the characters. Plus, we also enjoyed just staying in the lovely hotel and the pool - and spending quality time as a family and making some very precious memories which we will treasure for life".

UK Breaks

Adam's story

Adam was diagnosed with a brain tumour just a couple of weeks after the Covid-19 pandemic was declared. Whilst everyone was required to shelter at home, Adam began his gruelling treatment involving intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Unfortunately, in September 2022 his parents were given the devastating news that his treatment was not working, and Adam started palliative care focused on symptom control.

Adam's mum and dad urgently contacted the charity because his doctors wanted to give Adam a break from his treatment to enjoy one last holiday and make memories together. The charity responded quickly and made arrangements for Adam and his Mum and Dad to have a beach holiday at the charity's caravan at Greenacres which is located adjacent to Snowdonia National Park. With Alder Hey children's hospital within easy driving range, Adam's mum and dad were reassured that Adam would be able to access expert medical assistance in case of need.

Adam thoroughly enjoyed his stay at Greenacres as well as his first steam train ride up Mount Snowdon arranged by the charity.

Sadly, Adam passed away within a week of returning home from his holiday and his parents asked if Adam's ashes and a rose bush could be planted in the garden of the charity's caravan. The charity readily agreed and when Mum and Dad are ready, Adam will be back in his special, happy place.

We are privileged to have been able to bring this lovely family some comfort and happy memories of their cherished and much-loved only child.

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Chairman's Report

As the diagnosis of child with cancer is not only devastating for the family but also disrupts family finances, the cost-of-living crisis has had a significant adverse impact on the families we serve. The current economic adversity has also increased the pressure on the NHS, curtailing non-clinical support services available to families. Consequently, our direct charitable expenditure in this reporting period increased sharply in 2023.

Our work therefore remains essential, and we continue to meet the increased demand, especially now when the pressures on both the NHS and the economy are being so keenly felt.

Last year, I reported that the charity was planning to move from its wheelchair inaccessible city premises in Swansea to Fairfield, a two-storey wheelchair accessible office, in the grounds of Swansea's Cefn Coed hospital. During this reporting year, the refurbishment works were completed on schedule, and I am delighted to report that the charity completed its office move to Fairfield in March 2023. Our visitors and staff are delighted, as Fairfield is only two miles from our old offices and has excellent parking and a half acre plot. Our plans to extend our services by building a new play therapy annexe have received outline planning consent, and we hope to increase our fundraising activity to enable us to commence works in 2024.

Fund raising:

The UK economy has still to return to its pre-pandemic levels and the cost-of-living crisis has affected our ability to raise voluntary donations. Consequently, our total income has fallen slightly by 14% in 2023. In addition, our fixed period relationship with a key corporate sponsor who generously supported us during the pandemic, came to an end. We continue to make every effort to find multi-year corporate sponsors to help achieve our plans for 2024 and beyond.

The charity does not receive any government funding and is entirely dependent on voluntary donations. I would therefore emphasise that every single donation, no matter how large or small, helps to make a much-needed contribution to the lives of children with cancer.

The charity is committed to ethical fundraising and adheres to the Code of Fundraising Practice and the Fundraising Promise. We work with the Fundraising Regulator, an independent body setting maintaining the standards for charitable fundraising, and I am pleased to report that the charity has not received any complaints about our fundraising activities.

The charity does not use external fundraising agencies and all our fundraising activity is in-house and under the direct control of the trustees.

Services:

Following the lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions in February 2022, the charity worked to reschedule our American Dream Experience and Disneyland Paris trips which had been cancelled due to the travel restrictions. The board directed that all families who had had their trips cancelled due to the pandemic should take precedence over the allocation of any new enquiries.

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Our American Dream Experience resumed in November 2021 (with restrictions) and Disneyland Paris trips resumed in May 2022. I am pleased to report that following the rescheduling of all cancelled trips, in January 2023 the charity restarted trip allocations for new enquiries.

The charity's 4-bedroom villa in Florida is now fully booked to January 2025 and in this reporting year 81 families/297 people visited Disneyland Paris.

Staff:

As we look forward to our 35th anniversary in 2024, our very first employee, Mrs Barbara Thomas retired in August 2022 after 34 years of outstanding service to the charity. In November 2022, Mrs Helen Harding retired from the charity after 16 years of service and Mrs Helen Johns retired after seven years of service.

The retirement of three long standing staff members with a total of 57 years of service to the charity underlines the loyalty and commitment of our staff to the charity's mission. The board and staff wish Barbara, Helen H and Helen J a long and happy retirement.

During 2022, following the sale of our office building in Cardiff by our landlord, the charity received notice to vacate our offices and we urgently sought new premises. Last year I reported that the charity was committed to better engagement with technology and hybrid working, and following consultation with the Cardiff team, the staff involved chose to smoothly move to working-from-home contracts of employment and our Cardiff office was closed in February 2023.

As I reflect on the charity's accomplishments of this past financial year, it is evident that none of this would have been possible without the unwavering dedication and commitment of the charity's trustees, staff and volunteers which has been instrumental in driving forward our mission in these challenging times.

Reserves Policy:

The board is keenly aware that the charity's stability and sustainability are key to the provision of our services. The board therefore regularly reviews strategic risk, the charity's financial objectives, governance, and compliance.

Each year the trustees review the charity's reserves policy and the board's prudent approach to reserves has enabled the charity to sustain its services during the pandemic.

During this reporting period, the cost-of-living crisis has increased the demand for the charity's services by 49% whilst reducing income and voluntary donations by 14%. The charity's prudent reserving policy has again responded to the challenge, enabling us to continue to provide services to those in need, by releasing reserves to meet demand for our services.

Despite the reduction in reserves, the board retains its objective of maintaining free reserves to sustain at least six months of core expenditure.

The Future

In the short term, the charity will seek to better engage and deepen our relationships with corporate sponsors with a view to securing at least one significant new multi-year relationship.

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The charity has recruited a new Challenges and Events Officer to ensure a full events schedule for 2024 with a view to boost fundraising.

In the longer term the charity will seek new medium-term sponsorships to help with the costs of the planned play therapy annex.

Financial Report

Total income for 2023 was £494,222 compared to £576,831 in 2022 a reduction of 14%, reflecting the challenges of fundraising in the midst of the cost-of-living crisis. In the same period, total expenditure (inclusive of fundraising costs) increased by 42% from £448,667 to £638,172. This has led to a reduction of 62% in the charity's cash reserves in 2023. The charity's liquid cash reserves of £271,988 are sufficient to meet five months core operating costs.

The charity's old Swansea office lease comes to an end in June 2024. However, the charity is currently negotiating with the current landlord for an early release from our lease commitments.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees must prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue to operate.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by section 418(3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees on the 15 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.



Dr Krish Shastri

Chairman

**Independent auditors' report to Kids Cancer Charity, Company
limited by guarantee, under Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kids Cancer Charity (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for company law purposes, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Based on our understanding of the Charity and its activities, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Charities Act 2011, Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, UK tax legislation, pensions legislation, employment regulation and health and safety regulation, anti-bribery, corruption and fraud, money laundering and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006.

We evaluated the Trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to use of restricted funds, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

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Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- discussing with the 'Trustees' and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- considering the risk of acts by the Charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of the Trustees' and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Robert Thomas BSc FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of RH Jeffs & Rowe,
Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants
27/28 Gelliwastad Road
Pontypridd
CF37 2BW
20 December 2023**

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

		2023			2022	
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		
Voluntary income:						
- Appeal Centre and other fundraising	3	230,952	105,193	-	336,145	508,931
- Donated Goods and Services	3	116,594	-	-	116,594	19,966
Investment income:						
Legacies		28,028	-	-	28,028	8,615
- Bank interest		4,200	-	-	4,200	1,263
Other income:						
Government grants received	3	-	-	-	-	24,147
USA Investment Gain		9,255	-	-	9,255	13,909
Total Incoming Resources		<u>389,029</u>	<u>105,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>494,222</u>	<u>576,831</u>
Expenditure						
Appeal Centre and other fundraising	4	137,212	-	-	137,212	111,601
Charitable activities	4	395,824	105,136	-	500,960	337,066
Total Resources Expended		<u>533,036</u>	<u>105,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>638,172</u>	<u>448,667</u>
Movement in total funds for the year:						
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources	5	(144,007)	57	-	(143,950)	128,164
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources		<u>(144,007)</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(143,950)</u>	<u>128,164</u>
Total Funds brought forward		967,430	71,953	-	1,039,383	911,219
Total Funds carried forward		<u>823,423</u>	<u>72,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>895,433</u>	<u>1,039,383</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7		285,866		288,914
Investments	8		271,988		268,186
US Property	8		239,968		230,712
			<u>797,822</u>		<u>787,812</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	9	5,676		5,498	
Cash at bank and in hand		117,814		321,629	
		<u>123,490</u>		<u>327,127</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(25,879)		(75,556)	
Net Current assets			97,611		251,571
Net Assets			<u>895,433</u>		<u>1,039,383</u>
The Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Funds			823,423		967,430
Restricted Funds	12		72,010		71,953
Total Charity Funds			<u>895,433</u>		<u>1,039,383</u>

The notes on pages 17 - 28 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee Board on 15 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by :-



Dr. K Shastri



Mr. T T Dewan

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Statutory Information

Kids Cancer Charity is a charitable company in Wales in the United Kingdom. The registered office is 62 Walter Road, Swansea, SA1 4PT. The nature of the charities operations and principal activities is disclosed within the Trustees Report.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£), the charities functional currency, and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1. Accounting policies

1.1. (a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees' have considered the charities going concern for the next financial year in preparing these accounts and believe there to be no material uncertainties regarding going concern

1.2. Taxation

The Charity has no taxable activities.

1.3. Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1.4. Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations, are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Distribution Income is taken into account on the date paid into the charity's bank account.

Government grants are recognised for and during the period it has been awarded to the charity.

1.5. Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Appeal centre and other fund raising expenditure comprises those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, including the running of the Cardiff Appeals Centre.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Defined benefit pension contributions are recognised when the expenses are accrued.

1.6. Fund Accounting

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise those monies which are available to be used towards the meeting of the charitable objectives of the charity at the discretion of the Management Committee.

The restricted funds are monies raised or received for a specific purpose and accounted for in accordance with the donors imposed conditions.

1.7. Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All exchange gains or losses are charged/credited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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1.8. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer Equipment	-	33% Straight Line
Office Equipment	-	15% Straight Line
Mobile Homes	-	15% Straight Line

1.9. Investments

The Fixed Asset Investment is stated at the net book value as at the year end. Costs incurred by the USA Investment are included in USA Costs - Crisis Breaks. The Investment is usually revalued every few years with the figure updated to reflect the valuation obtained. Currency exchange rate variations are taken into account at the year-end date.

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Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of the company being wound up, such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1.

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3. Incoming Resources	Total year to 31/03/23 £	Total year to 31/03/22 £
Included within Incoming Resources for the year are:		
Appeal Centre and other Fund raising:		
Grants, Donations & Events	336,145	508,931
	<u>336,145</u>	<u>508,931</u>
	Total year to 31/03/23 £	Total year to 31/03/22 £
Donated Goods and Services:		
Florida Passes	11,287	-
Caravans & Other UK Breaks	17,726	15,893
Disneyland Paris	72,380	-
Security equipment donation	5,385	-
General Gifts	9,816	4,073
	<u>116,594</u>	<u>19,966</u>
Government grants received:		
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant	-	24,147
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,147</u>

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4. Total resources expended

Costs directly allocated to activities

	Basis of Allocation	Fund Raising	Play Therapy	Crisis Breaks	Governance	Total year to 31/03/23	Total year to 31/03/22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary Costs	Direct	87,727	106,671	77,931	-	272,329	221,613
Childrens & Families Travel Costs	Direct	-	-	129,065	-	129,065	3,780
USA Costs	Direct	-	-	29,790	-	29,790	26,913
Caravan Costs	Direct	-	-	43,717	-	43,717	52,599
Refurbishment & Equipment	Direct	-	542	-	-	542	1,467
Other Events	Direct	9,816	-	-	-	9,816	-
		<u>97,543</u>	<u>107,213</u>	<u>280,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475,443</u>	<u>306,372</u>

Support costs allocated to activities

	Basis of Allocation	Fund Raising	Play Therapy	Crisis Breaks	Governance	Total year to 31/03/23	Total year to 31/03/22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary Costs	Direct	2,050	7,404	9,223	-	18,677	23,171
Motor, Travel & Accomodation	Direct/Staff	1,058	10,778	1,113	580	13,529	7,753
Legal & Professional	Direct/Staff	536	1,340	2,412	3,368	7,656	5,354
Property Costs	Direct/Staff	15,323	7,323	13,182	-	35,828	30,961
General Office Costs	Direct/Staff	17,514	8,872	15,279	-	41,665	40,331
Training	Direct/Staff	-	373	-	-	373	1,353
Bank Charges & Interest	Direct/Staff	1,148	179	322	-	1,649	1,368
Equipment Costs	Direct/Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staff Pension costs	Direct	2,040	5,101	9,182	-	16,323	11,427
Depreciation	Direct	-	-	17,213	-	17,213	20,577
		<u>39,669</u>	<u>41,370</u>	<u>67,926</u>	<u>3,948</u>	<u>152,913</u>	<u>142,295</u>
		<u>137,212</u>	<u>148,583</u>	<u>348,429</u>	<u>3,948</u>	<u>638,172</u>	<u>448,667</u>

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5. Net Incoming (Outgoing)/Resources	Total year to 31/03/23 £	Total year to 31/03/22 £
This is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation	17,213	20,577
Auditors Remuneration	3,368	3,060
Trustees Expenses	580	129
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 6. Staff Costs	 Total year to 31/03/23 £	 Total year to 31/03/22 £
Staff costs during the year comprised of the following:		
Staff Salaries	273,154	232,096
Employers National Insurance	17,852	12,688
Pension Costs	16,323	11,427
	<u>307,329</u>	<u>256,211</u>

The average number of full time and full time equivalent employees during the year amounted to 12 (2022 :11), and can be analysed as follows:

Fundraising	6	5
Services	4	4
Management & Administration	2	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employee was paid £60,000 or more during the year.(2022 :nil)

The trustees received no remuneration or benefits in connection with the performance of their duties, apart from the reimbursement of expenses, as shown in note 4.

There were no related party transactions which required disclosure occurring during the period.

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7. Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings freehold £	Crisis Breaks Caravans £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	243,042	188,769	19,848	451,659
Additions	6,006	-	8,158	14,164
Disposals	-	-	(7,776)	(7,776)
At 31 March 2023	<u>249,048</u>	<u>188,769</u>	<u>20,230</u>	<u>458,047</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	576	142,320	19,848	162,744
On disposals	-	-	(7,776)	(7,776)
Charge for the year	1,974	15,239	-	17,213
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,550</u>	<u>157,559</u>	<u>12,072</u>	<u>172,181</u>
Net book values				
At 31 March 2023	<u>246,498</u>	<u>31,209</u>	<u>8,159</u>	<u>285,866</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>242,466</u>	<u>46,449</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,915</u>

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8. US Property

The Charity has acquired a freehold property in Florida, United States of America, which is to be used under its "Family Crisis Breaks" initiative. For legal purposes two companies were incorporated in the USA to respectively hold the deeds to the property and administer the day to day use for family crisis breaks.

A summary of the assets and liabilities of the investments are:

	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Freehold Property at NBV		234,399		221,147
Furniture & Equipment at NBV		2,705		3,568
		<u>237,104</u>		<u>224,715</u>
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	2,893		6,020	
	<u>2,893</u>		<u>6,020</u>	
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	(29)		(23)	
		<u>2,864</u>		<u>5,997</u>
Net Investment		<u>239,968</u>		<u>230,712</u>

Funds to maintain the property and other operational costs are currently funded by the United Kingdom fund raising operations.

The property element of the investment is depreciated at 2%.

Furniture & Equipment is depreciated at 15%.

All of the above figures also take into account exchange rate fluctuations.

Other Investments

	Balance at 31 March 2022	Interest accrued	Transfers In	Balance at 31 March 2023
Monmouthshire Building Society	105,188	1,068	-	106,256
Nationwide Building Society	162,998	2,734	-	165,732
	<u>268,186</u>	<u>3,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>271,988</u>

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9. Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	5,676	5,267
Other debtors	-	231
	<u>5,676</u>	<u>5,498</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,580	3,605
Other taxes and social security costs	4,918	4,606
Other creditors*	-	43,456
(New Property provision, work now done and charity has moved in)		
Accruals and deferred income	14,381	23,889
	<u>25,879</u>	<u>75,556</u>

11. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	2023
			£
Tangible Fixed Assets	260,134	25,732	285,866
Investments	511,956	-	511,956
Net Current Assets	51,333	46,278	97,611
	<u>823,423</u>	<u>72,010</u>	<u>895,433</u>

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12. Restricted Funds

	At 01/04/22 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31/03/23 £
Play Therapy -				
BBC Children in Need	-	30,618	(30,618)	-
Bereavement Room Refurbishment	1,250	-	(1,250)	-
Towards Equipment	2,463	-	(2,463)	-
Care Breaks -				
New Caravan	-	26,000	-	26,000
Caravan Ramp	6,500	-	(6,500)	-
Care Breaks Costs	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Specific Location	49,300	48,575	(51,865)	46,010
Brandon Parker Fund	2,440	-	(2,440)	-
	<u>71,953</u>	<u>105,193</u>	<u>(105,136)</u>	<u>72,010</u>

Restricted Fund descriptions

Play Therapy

1) The BBC Children in Need restricted fund represents grant monies received for the employing of a play therapist, and the training and other employment costs connected with the role.

2) Towards Salary of Therapist represents a grant contribution towards a member of staff's salary and other play therapy costs.

3) Bereavement Room Refurbishment represents grant contribution towards refurbishment of a play therapy room.

4) Towards Equipment represents a grant given by Viridor towards purchasing equipment for the Play Therapy project. The balance carried forward is the net book value of the equipment purchased.

Care Breaks

1) Caravan Costs was money donated towards updating the equipment in the charity's caravans.

2) New Caravan was restricted fund raising for the purchase of new caravans for Crisis breaks. New caravans were purchased for the Lydstep and Greenacres sites. The balance carried forward is the net book value of the caravans.

3) Caravan Ramp was money received by the charity for new caravan ramp. The balance carried forward is the net book value of the ramp.

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- 4) Costs represent grants and donations received to help give families a much needed holiday.
- 5) Specific Location represent grants and donations received from various bodies to help give families a much needed holiday. The money received will have been restricted to helping families from a specified location.
- 6) Brandon Parker Fund represents a grant given by the named fund towards the cost of much needed holidays in Orlando, Florida for affected children and families.

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List of Payments made between 27/04/2024 and 31/05/2024

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
27/04/2024	BT	DD	7.77	M01891	Increase in Hwb Hifi for April
01/05/2024	O.L.G Marquee Hire	PABT0372	618.75	VS/MK	Hire Marquess 25% deposit
15/05/2024	British Gas	DD	54.93	Bill 7556598	Gas Hwb
15/05/2024	Paul Liversage	PABT0390	495.00		Bus Shelter Deep Clean
16/05/2024	BT	DD	72.37		Wifi Hwb Rhuddlan
16/05/2024	RHUDDLAN TOWN COMMUNITY	PABT0373	150.00	Invoice 158	April Community Market CC Hire
16/05/2024	Rialtas	PABT0374	648.00	Invoice 31524	Year End Close Down
16/05/2024	Mr Brian Jackson	PABT0375	120.00		Repairs Admiral's Field
16/05/2024	Goodsigns & Print	PABT0376	122.40	Invoice 111692	Stickers for Gwledd Signs
16/05/2024	HSBC UK	DD	8.00		Bank Charges 21/3 to 20/4/24
16/05/2024	A G Davies	PABT0377	300.00		Change over High Street Plante
16/05/2024	Sage & Co	PABT0378	91.20	Invoice W7467	Payroll charges Q1/2024
16/05/2024	British Gas	DD	64.87	Bill 7524512	Electricity MUGA
16/05/2024	RHUDDLAN TOWN COMMUNITY	PABT0379	150.00	Invoice 166	Hire of CC for Gwledd
16/05/2024	Web Studio North Wales	SO	240.00	Invoice 7823	Website and Social Media Mgmt
16/05/2024	Canda Copying Limited	PABT0380	29.39	Invoice 470103	Copier charges for copies
16/05/2024	Canda Copying Limited	PABT0381	37.20	Invoice 136017	Copier rental
16/05/2024	British Gas	DD	39.12	Bill 7543933	Electricity Hwb
16/05/2024	Mari A Williams Translations	PABT0382	309.96	Invoice 1428	Translation April 2024
16/05/2024	Steve Wilson	PABT0383	125.55	MK/VS	Travel expenses
16/05/2024	Steve Wilson	PABT0384	351.04	MK/VS	Expenses Starling Card Top up
16/05/2024	National Eisteddfod	PABT0386	100.00		Grant agreed in April 24 meeti
16/05/2024	Marie Curie	PABT0385	1,000.00		Grant agreed April 24 mtg
16/05/2024	Paul Smith	SO	227.87		Salary
16/05/2024	Paul Smith	PABT0387	20.00		Salary Adjustment
16/05/2024	Steve Wilson	SO	1,780.11		Salary
16/05/2024	Steve Wilson	PABT0388	207.75		Salary Adjustment
16/05/2024	NEST Pension	DD	313.92		Pension
16/05/2024	HMRC	PABT0389	1,018.76	120PP01122176	PAYE & NI
16/05/2024	GMN Medical	PABT0391	90.00		First Aid Cover Gwledd
Total Payments			8,793.96		

