

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02850118 (England and
Wales) REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1038170

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY **2024** FOR
THE DARWIN CENTRE FOR BIOLOGY AND
MEDICINE

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Darwin Centre for Biology and Medicine is a Pembrokeshire charity established in 1994, it aims to engage and enthuse young people, families, and communities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). There are two elements to the charity: The Education Programme known as the Darwin Experience, and the Research and Engagement Programme. The Darwin Experience continues to form the core of the activities delivered by the charity.

Significant activities

The education programme has been funded by Dragon LNG since September 2005. Dragon LNG are the core sponsors of the programme with a contribution from Pembrokeshire County Council to support our work with secondary school pupils. The programme works with every school in the county of Pembrokeshire on a 3-year cycle, offering a range of field trips and workshops to complement the curriculum for Wales. Alongside our schools' programme we delivered sessions for local families, home school groups and the Scouting Association.

All of the events including transport are free to the participating schools, the cost is covered through the core sponsorship from Dragon LNG with additional support this year from Floventis Energy for floating offshore wind workshops and funds from the National Grid via the Community Matters Fund for coding workshops. Over the next 4 years funds will be received from the Marine Conservation Society as part of the Natur am Byth project, aiming to restore Wales' threatened species. Funds will be paid upon the organisation and competition of events with at least 4 occurring each academic year. A grant from the Royal Astronomical Society has been used to cover the associated costs of solar system workshops known as 'Wonders of our Universe'. This grant was awarded in January 2024 upon completion of the 20 workshops.

Research and Engagement Programme:

Dr Valerie Morse, who led the research and engagement programme has now retired, the laboratory in Milford Haven has been vacated and there were no events delivered during the 2023/24 academic year.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities Darwin Experience Numbers and Events:

Number of events: 198

Number of participants: 5,355

School group activities – a range of workshops and field trips including but not limited to:

Rock pooling
Marine Biology days
Beach cleans (ocean plastics & plankton)
Pond dipping
Kick sampling
Mini beast hunts
Solar system workshops (Wonders of our Universe, Royal Astronomical Society)
Forces workshops
Floating offshore wind – design challenge (sponsored by Floventis Energy)
TechTastic Coding (Community Matters Fund)
Oyster Walks (Natur am Byth)

Home school group activities –

Coral Reefs
Creatures of the Deep
Science of Spring
Marine Biology Day
Life in Freshwater
Evidence of past Climates
TechTastic Coding

Public/family events –

Rock pooling and push netting
Seashells, plankton & microscopes (Growing Wild Festival)
Oyster Walk (Natur am Byth)
Rock pooling and push netting
Minibeasts (Pembroke Town Festival)
Minibeasts & Microscopes (Big Retreat Festival)
Minibeasts & Microscopes (Sandy Bear Bereavement Charity)
Sea & Tell (Challenge Wales)
TechTastic Coding

Scouting Association events –

Marine Biology Day
Wonders of our Universe

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The financial activity for the year is shown in the annexed accounts. The charity's funds as at the end of the period totalled £107,190 (2022 - £97,003), and will be utilised for the purpose of funding the 2024/2025 Darwin Experience and other related activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, its memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. When selecting new trustees we attempt to identify people who are able to add relevant expertise to the board and are willing to volunteer to help us with our objectives.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
02850118 (England and Wales)

Registered office

Darwin Centre
L1.4 Pembrokeshire College
Merlins Bridge
Haverfordwest
Dyfed
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Trustees

Professor A K Campbell
Mr D O J S Lort-Phillips
Dr S B Matthews
Mr A E Sangster (Chairman of the Board)
Dr B N Walters
Professor K T Wann
Mr D Clee
Mr N P Harries
Mrs G C Flatter
Dr V M Jones
Mrs V Stoddart
Miss L Callan

Charity Manager

Samantha Jane Williams

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on Wednesday 9th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A E Sangster', followed by a period.

Mr A E Sangster - Chairman of the Board

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Darwin Centre for Biology And Medicine ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2024.

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.

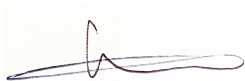
Independent examiner's statement

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.

Mr G D Jones
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Date: Tuesday 8th April 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	7,000
Other trading activities	2	-	101,432	101,432	83,890
Investment income	3	1,180		1,180	8
Other income			-	-	-
Total		1,180	101,432	101,432	90,898
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Lectures & events		-	6,342	6,342	15,553
Other		-	86,083	86,083	75,847
Total			92,425	92,425	91,400
NET INCOME		1,180	9,006	10,186	(501)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		5,520	85,965	91,485	91,986
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		6,700	94,971	101,671	91,485

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 JULY **2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		-	107,190	107,190	97,505
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-	107,190	107,190	97,505
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	107,190	107,190	97,505
NET ASSETS		-	107,190	107,190	97,505
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds					5,519
Restricted funds				107,190	91,985
TOTAL FUNDS				107,190	97,505

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2024.

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit 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 charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on Wednesday 9th April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr A E Sangster - Chairman of the Board

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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 a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office equipment - Straight line over 3 years

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sponsorships	<u>86,744</u>	<u>79,560</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit account interest	<u>1180</u>	<u>8</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2024 nor for the year ended 31 July 2023.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Full Time	2	2
Part Time	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	-	-	-
Other trading activities		101,432	101,432
Investment income	1,179		1,179
Other income		-	-
Total	<u>1,179</u>	<u>101,432</u>	<u>102,612</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Lectures & events	-	6,342	6,342
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>86,083</u>	<u>86,083</u>
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>92,425</u>	<u>92,425</u>
NET INCOME	<u>1,179</u>	<u>9,006</u>	<u>10,186</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	5,520	97,004	102,524

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>6,699</u>	<u>110,438</u>	<u>107,189</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
COST	
At 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024	<u>15,081</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024	<u>15,081</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2024	<u>-</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>-</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,528	1,179	6,699
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	91,476	9,006	110,438
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>97,004</u>	<u>10,185</u>	<u>107,189</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,179	-	1,179
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	101,432	(92,425)	9,006
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>102,612</u>	<u>(92,425)</u>	<u>10,186</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,520	1,179	6,699
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	91,993	9,006	100,999
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>97,513</u>	<u>10,185</u>	<u>107,698</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9	-	9
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	109,054	(99,295)	9,759
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,063</u>	<u>(99,295)</u>	<u>9,768</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9	-	9
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	109,054	(99,295)	9,759
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>109,063</u>	<u>(99,295)</u>	<u>9,768</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,179	-	1,179
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	193,510	(183,825)	9,685
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>194,689</u>	<u>(183,825)</u>	<u>10,864</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2024

11. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity was under the control of the trustees and the charity manager, as detailed on page 1, throughout the current year.