

Charity registration number 1060743 (England and Wales)

THE LLANGASTY RETREAT HOUSE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LLANGASTY RETREAT HOUSE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Llangasty Retreat House Trust (the trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

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Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	16,533	-	807	17,340	48,200
Charitable activities						
Retreats		148,558	-	-	148,558	144,410
Shop sales		582	-	-	582	2,674
Investments	4	811	-	-	811	714
Total income		166,484	-	807	167,291	195,998
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	5	169,563	-	-	169,563	157,593
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(3,079)	-	807	(2,272)	38,405
Gross transfers between funds		(1,147)	-	1,147	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(4,226)	-	1,954	(2,272)	38,405
Other recognised gains and losses						
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	-	50,000
Other gains or losses	12	864	-	-	864	1,512
Net movement in funds		(3,362)	-	1,954	(1,408)	89,917
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		929,888	8,045	24,167	962,100	872,183
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		926,526	8,045	26,121	960,692	962,100

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	1,001,345		1,001,795	
Investments	12	29,136		28,272	
		<u>1,030,481</u>		<u>1,030,067</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	13	1,592		1,707	
Debtors	14	60,590		60,544	
Cash at bank and in hand		39,484		41,802	
		<u>101,666</u>		<u>104,053</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(8,330)		(8,895)	
Net current assets			93,336		95,158
Total assets less current liabilities			1,123,817		1,125,225
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(163,125)		(163,125)	
Net assets			<u>960,692</u>		<u>962,100</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	19	26,121		24,167	
Designated funds	20	8,045		8,045	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		708,401		711,763	
Revaluation reserve		218,125		218,125	
		<u>926,526</u>		<u>929,888</u>	
		<u>960,692</u>		<u>962,100</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Llangasty Retreat House Trust is a registered charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's trust deed dated 6 December 1996, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	No depreciation provided as included at valuation
Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the trust reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Financial instruments

The trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the trust's balance sheet when the trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

THE LLANGASTY RETREAT HOUSE TRUST**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024****3 Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	4,033	807	4,840	5,311	972	6,283
Grant from boards of Finance	12,500	-	12,500	12,500	-	12,500
Legacy	-	-	-	29,417	-	29,417
	<u>16,533</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>17,340</u>	<u>47,228</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>48,200</u>

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	793	686
Interest receivable	18	28
	<u>811</u>	<u>714</u>

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5 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
House running costs		
Provisions (inc Domestic Requisites)	15,943	16,175
Laundry	9,376	9,002
Heat and light	10,532	13,470
Council Tax	1,391	1,050
Water	523	578
Insurance	4,415	4,183
Chapel	400	420
Repairs and maintenance	13,835	6,520
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Total House running costs	56,415	51,398
Staff costs (See note 8)	103,624	96,142
Depreciation and impairment	450	641
Shop / refreshments purchases	230	388
Garden expenses	253	1,971
Marketing	1,743	1,198
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	162,715	151,738
Share of support costs (see note 6)	5,006	5,055
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,842	800
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	169,563	157,593
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Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	169,563	
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	169,563	
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For the year ended 31 December 2023		
Unrestricted funds		157,593
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Telecommunications	2,499	-	2,499	2,445	
Stationery and postage	1,016	-	1,016	965	
Affiliation fees	105	-	105	105	
Sundries	582	-	582	1,047	
Bank charges	95	-	95	65	
Legal and professional	709	-	709	428	
Independent exam fees	-	1,842	1,842	800	Governance
	<u>5,006</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>5,855</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>5,006</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>5,855</u>	

7 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,842	800
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>450</u>	<u>641</u>

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the trust during the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Staff	5	5

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	83,968	70,745
Conductors fees	1,216	329
Other pension costs	5,747	10,958
	<u>103,624</u>	<u>96,142</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2024	1,000,000	82,438	3,162	1,085,600
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>82,438</u>	<u>3,162</u>	<u>1,085,600</u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2024	-	80,692	3,113	83,805
Depreciation charged in the year	-	437	13	450
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>81,129</u>	<u>3,126</u>	<u>84,255</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,309</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>1,001,345</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,746</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>1,001,795</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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11 Tangible fixed assets **(Continued)**

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Freehold	1,000,000	1,000,000

Investment properties rented to another group entity have been accounted for using the cost model. The carrying value of these investment properties included within tangible fixed assets is £1,000,000 (2023 - £1,000,000).

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £1,000,000 were revalued at 31 December 2023 by Clee Tompkinson Francis, Chartered Surveyors, independent valuers not connected with the trust on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arm's length terms for similar properties.

Freehold land and buildings with a carrying amount of £1,000,000 (2023 - £1,000,000) have been pledged to secure borrowings of the trust. The trust is not allowed to pledge these assets as security for other borrowings or to sell them to another entity.

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	28,272
Valuation changes	864
At 31 December 2024	29,136
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	29,136
At 31 December 2023	28,272

13 Stocks	2024	2023
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,592	1,707

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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14 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	60,590	31,127
Other debtors	-	29,417
	<u>60,590</u>	<u>60,544</u>

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	<u>163,125</u>	<u>163,125</u>
Payable after one year	<u>163,125</u>	<u>163,125</u>

The long-term loans are secured by fixed charges over the trust's freehold property.

The loan is from the Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance and is interest free.

It is repayable only on the sale of the property.

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	2,109	2,660
Other creditors	-	120
Accruals and deferred income	6,221	6,115
	<u>8,330</u>	<u>8,895</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Borrowings	<u>163,125</u>	<u>163,125</u>

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>5,747</u>	<u>10,958</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

18 Retirement benefit schemes

(Continued)

The trust operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the trust in an independently administered fund.

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
	-	-	1	1
Bursary to fund retreatants	343	-	-	343
Project account - Friends of Llangasty retreat House	23,824	807	1,146	25,777
	<u>24,167</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>1,147</u>	<u>26,121</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
	343	-	-	343
Bursary to fund retreatants				
Project account - Friends of Llangasty retreat House	22,852	972	-	23,824
	<u>23,195</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,167</u>

The restricted funds relate to a bursary to enable retreatants to attend who could not afford to otherwise and Money raised by the Friends of Llangasty Retreat House for future Projects.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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20 Endowment funds -

These are endowment funds which are material to the trust's activities.

	At 1 January 2024	At 31 December 2024
	£	£
	8,045	8,045
	<u>8,045</u>	<u>8,045</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	At 31 December 2023
	£	£
	8,045	8,045
	<u>8,045</u>	<u>8,045</u>

These comprise donations received in memory of Venerable J W J Rees and the legacy from the late David Evans for a future project.

21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	711,763	166,484	(169,563)	(1,147)	864	708,401
Revaluation reserve	218,125	-	-	-	-	218,125
	<u>218,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,125</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	672,818	195,026	(157,593)	-	1,512	711,763
Revaluation reserve	168,125	-	-	-	50,000	218,125
	<u>168,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>218,125</u>

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	1,001,345	-	-	1,001,345
Investments	29,136	-	-	29,136
Current assets/(liabilities)	59,170	8,045	26,121	93,336
Long term liabilities	(163,125)	-	-	(163,125)
	<u>926,526</u>	<u>8,045</u>	<u>26,121</u>	<u>960,692</u>

23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).



THE LLANGASTY RETREAT HOUSE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending 31 December 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Legal and administrative details:

The full name of the Charity is the Llangasty Retreat House Trust with charity registration number 1060743. The registration address of the Charity is 8A, High Street, Brecon LD3 7AL. The Charity is governed by the Trust Deed dated 6 December 1996 as amended at a Special Meeting dated 19 November 2002. Details of Trustees currently holding office, secretary, registered office and bankers are set out below.

Trustees:

Ex-Officio:

The Bishop of Swansea and Brecon: the Rt. Revd John Lomas.

The Bishop of Llandaff: the Rt. Revd Mary Stallard

An Archdeacon appointed by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon: the Ven. Alan Jevons

An Archdeacon appointed by the Bishop of Llandaff: the Ven. Mark Preece.

The Chairman of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Board of Finance: Jeffrey Brown

The Chairman of the Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance: Michael Lawley.

Nominated by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon:

The Revd Andrew Robinson (resigned March 2025)

Rev'd Canon Dr. Mark Clavier

Nominated by the Bishop of Llandaff:

The Ven. Martin Williams (resigned June 2025)

Fr. Edward Owen

Co-opted:

Miss Janet Butler

Revd. Sam Aldred

Revd. Emma Whittick

Glyn Morgan

Secretary: Miss Janet Butler, Appt 43, Betjeman Lodge, Corve Street , Ludlow, SY8 1DJ

Treasurer: Viv Jones, Trem-y-Fan, Llanddew, Brecon, LD3 9SY

Solicitors: Messrs H. Vaughan Vaughan and Co., 8A, High Street, Brecon, LD3 7AL

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, P.O. Box 289, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA

ANNUAL REPORT

Llangasty Retreat House

The Retreat House was founded originally by Miss Dorothy Raikes in 1954. In 1972, it was gifted to the Sisters of Charity, who managed it until 1996 when they felt unable to continue and offered the property to the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. At the end of 1996, the Llangasty Retreat House Trust was established jointly by the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon and the Diocese of Llandaff in order that the work of the Sisters might be continued. A programme of improvement to the facilities was put in hand in the winter of 1996/7 using capital made available by the Llandaff Diocesan Board of Finance by way of a secured loan.

The site comprises

1. the Retreat House, which can accommodate up to 22 people
2. the Cottage, adjacent which has been used as staff accommodation since 2010 , having previously been used as an additional Retreat House accommodation
- 3 the Bungalow, used for staff accommodation until 2010. The Bungalow was thought to be beyond economic repair and the intention had been to rebuild to provide accommodation so that a senior member of staff may continue to live on site but not immediately next to the main house.

In recent years it has become apparent that the Retreat House could be better used with supplementary space and so the Management Committee has explored repairing the building to develop it as a multi-functional unit which might be variously used:

- for day groups when the House is occupied
- as an art/creative space for specialist retreats or an adjunct to retreat activities,
- as an additional interview space alongside Retreats,
- as separate retreat space for individuals .

Aims and Organisation:

The Trust was established for the promotion of Christian charity among persons in need and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees might from time to time direct. In furtherance of these objects, the Trustees have, as their principal purpose, overseen the development of Llangasty Retreat House as a Christian centre and place of hospitality for members of the public to visit in order to develop their spirituality by means of retreats,

conferences, study days, etc. This purpose is informed by the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit, particularly in relation to the Advancement of Religion, and today, as ever, the Trust aims to appeal to as wide a range of society as possible.

The Trust operates under the direction of the Trustees. Detailed business is under the control of a Management Committee appointed by the Trustees, assisted by a Treasurer. In July 2020, Rev'd Canon Dr. Mark Clavier succeeded Gareth John as Chair.

The Retreat House is managed by a salaried Manager, appointed by the Trustees and supervised by them through the Management Committee, and assisted by paid staff; this enables the House to be available to guests and retreatants throughout the year.

The primary purpose of The Retreat House is to provide facilities for Christian retreats for groups or individuals who may visit for the day or stay for a number of days in the accommodation provided at the House. Other groups and individuals who accept the primary purpose and ethos of the House are also welcomed as guests. Most retreats are arranged by parishes or groups who bring their own leader, but there is also an annual House Programme of retreats, quiet days and study days drawn up by the Manager. Different Christian denominations are actively encouraged to use the House and events are publicised widely and are open to all.

Included in the House Programme is a number of "Drop-in Days" when anyone may come and spend the day in the quiet of the House and share, or not, in worship offered in the Chapel. No charge is made. This attracts particularly members of the public who live in the surrounding towns and villages; it is an ideal way of getting to know the House and many comment upon the benefit of using these days for rest and renewal. A number of people make attendance part of their spiritual practice and travel from much further away to attend.

Guests who cannot afford full fees for retreats can be assisted by a bursary fund set aside by the Trustees for this purpose. The Trust also obtains up to 3 bursaries each year from the Association for Promoting Retreats.

The House is also used by dioceses for training purposes e.g. for Continuing Ministerial Education, for Ordination Retreats and for Provincial groups e.g. Pioneer Groups and Discernment Conferences.

Review of Activities of the Year: Review of Activities of the Year:

In the management of the Retreat House and in planning its activities and events, the Trust has had due regard to Public Benefit, following the Charity Commission's guidance contained in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit".

The Trust welcomed Church and Ministry Area Retreats, individual and small group retreats. The Trust was pleased to welcome new groups. Drop in days continued. Two Creative Retreat were held, a summer retreat and a Journalling Retreat. Using the natural advantages of the surrounding landscape, A "Breathing Space" walking retreat was held.

Olive Tree Arts held a Prophetic Art Painting Retreat at the House and there are plans to hold similar retreats in 2025. Groups came to the house for Festive Lunches in December and the local Ministry Area held an Advent course at the House

We have been grateful for our links to established businesses and Christian Residential Association buying groups and for opportunities to network with other retreat houses through Archway, the Retreat Association and the Association for Promoting Retreats.

Swansea and Brecon Diocese continued a programme to support its new Ministry Areas and we were pleased to host this programme as many of the Ministry area officers had not previously considered retreat. . Both the Diocese of Llandaff and Swansea and Brecon Dioceses held vocations/explorers retreats and we were pleased to welcome both groups.

Retreatants continue to show concern about the cost of living and spending disposable income as their personal expenditure increased.

The Trustees worked on the policies of the Trust to introduce policies required by the Charity Commission.

A replacement Fire Alarm system was installed and further electrical work was carried out.

We continued to work on consolidating foundations for retreat to continue at Llangasty by welcoming new groups and individuals

For and on behalf of the Trustees,
Mark Clavier
(Chairman)