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In presenting this report, the Trustees are aware of their duty in Section 4 of 2006 Act of the requirement that the charity's activities should be for the public benefit. The governing document from 2000 sets out the charitable objectives. They are satisfied that the activities, available through the Centre, including the provision of work-experience placements, meet this requirement. They also always seek to ensure that volunteers and staff can take advantage of suitable training opportunities. The charity

### Core activities

The resources of the charity continue to be specifically directed to maintaining and developing support for young people at the 7Corners Centre\*, the Hot Spot Outreach, and various other outreach activities in Abergavenny.

- The impact of the Covid 19 pandemic has shifted this year on the Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust's activities. Social anxiety is more obvious, and aggressive and disruptive behaviour seen last year among young people is reducing.
- Staff from 7Corners are continuing with the Salvation Army starfish mentoring programme in King Henry VIII School.
- Film Night/Chip Night continues to be popular with up to 25 young people using this open access evening service.
- The Café is seeing a diverse group of Young People attending, and staff are working hard to forge trusting relationships with them.
- HOTSPOT activities, i.e. Detached Youth Work, continues with pot noodles and hot chocolate still being "hot" favourites. We are also able to keep in touch with many 'older' Young People who no longer access the Centre based work.
- IYE Festival, this annual event was well organised with the volunteer 'stall holders' commenting on how efficient setting up had become due to the wealth of experience of the Centre Manager Ange, supported by Young People Crew who are fully committed and enthusiastic in their involvement.
- Tuesday is regular time in the Chill Room for prayer for the work, attended by various trustees and volunteers.



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- Service users 'What 3 words' to describe 7Corners were "Treats you as family."

The Trustees and centre manager developed a clear strategic plan to deliver on the Charity Commission's Governance Code for smaller charities in the year to ensure good governance of the charity, with particular focus on financial controls, risk management, safeguarding, user engagement and celebrating 25 years of service in the year ahead.

## Finance

The trustees are grateful to Dorrell Oliver for auditing the accounts again this year, as well as our Treasurer submitting accounts and providing us with regular reports throughout the year to manage financial risk. A new financial reserve policy was ratified. We have continued to receive generous support from many donors in the local community, who support the charity through regular giving, many of whom are able to add Gift Aid to their donations. We have also continued to receive support through Donor grants from Gwent High Sheriff's Fund, Abergavenny Town Council, with whom we have established a co-operation agreement, Abergavenny Rotary, and GAVO, ARIN and the continued support of local churches and business. This financial year we also received a grant from Children in Need to provide paid hours for an assistant to the centre manager which was very welcome.

Despite the support it is always a challenge each year to maintain level of support necessary and all essential running costs are increasing. We recognise and appreciate the efforts of the Administrator in maintaining and securing grants needed to enable us to continue to support our community. We remain grateful to all the individual donors and churches who provide almost half our funding.

## Trustees

The Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust has seen change in the financial year 24 -25 with the Chair formally taken on by Dr Alison Stroud and Caroline Woollard becoming Deputy Chair. Our Chaplain from the Salvation Army, Nigel Collins continues to provide pastoral care to for the trustees and staff. Other Trustees are Andrew Willey,



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Alan Freebury remains a skilled and dedicated Treasurer, Michael Marsden remains as Secretary. These are the trustees on the date this report was approved.

Sadly, Mary Kennedy and Dr. Huw Morgan stepped down as trustees after many years of faithful service. The gap they left were filled new trustees Keith Rutherford with vast experience in safeguarding and Hugo Potgeiter with a wealth of experience in organisational management.

Additionally, two Young People who have used the services joined the Trust Board as Young People's advocates. They are proving to be very proactive and invaluable providing service user insight to the Board.

### **Payments to trustees**

There were no payments to Trustees during the year.

### **Employees**

Mrs Julie Sussex resigned as administrator in January 2025. She is sorely missed having been an outstanding contributor to all aspects of running the charity. Her efforts have continued to ensure, through these financially difficult times, that we have obtained financial support from a wide range of donors. However, this task is becoming an increasing challenge, particularly to fund posts.

Ange Sampson continues to manage all aspects of the Centre, Hot Spot Outreach, and various other activities with her customary sensitive care and dedication. Challenges have been added though vacancies and turnover in a very small team of three core staff and she has continued to receive independent confidential supervision to enable her to reflect on and rise to this challenge.

Trustees appointed Aya Zebrowski to the administrator post with some handover time.



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### **Volunteers**

We continue to be extremely grateful to all our volunteers and helpers who have supported Ange in the various outreach activities and at the Centre.

### **Patron**

Our Patron, Dame Claire Clancy, Deputy-Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, continues to be an enthusiastic proactive asset to 7 Corners.

### **Data protection**

The Centre does not retain information about casual Centre users. Appropriate data is retained for employees, volunteers and gift-aid donors in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.

### **Conclusion**

In the face of the volatile and unsure times we live in, the charity continues to “make a difference” to the lives of the young people who seek us out. We continue to provide a safe place where the young people can gather in safety, receive support and guidance and, as opportunity offers, be encouraged to develop life and practical skills.

### **Chair of Trustees**

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*\*The 7Corners Centre is a project funded by the Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust and is dedicated to offering hope and hospitality to all young people and to meet the mission statement of providing ‘a centre where young people can meet in safety, find help for personal development and support if in crisis.’*

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Year ended 31 March 2025

**BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST**

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Report to the trustees of Bridge to Cross Charitable Trust on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act).

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the C
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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**BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Grants	1	7,000	10,739	17,739	20,342
Donations		21,777		21,777	21,404
Investment Income		1,800		1,800	1,744
Fund raising	2	41		41	175
Other income	3	10,238		10,238	1,256
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>40,856</b>	<b>10,739</b>	<b>51,595</b>	<b>44,921</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Salaries and wages		33,244	2,621	35,865	31,004
Maintenance and equipment	4	6,412	500	6,912	4,933
Management and administration	5	5,010	3,451	8,461	9,066
Other costs	6	725	3,991	4,716	4,290
Depreciation					
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>45,391</b>	<b>10,563</b>	<b>55,954</b>	<b>49,293</b>
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>-4,535</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>-4,359</b>	<b>-4,372</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>41,163</b>	<b>5,392</b>	<b>46,555</b>	<b>50,927</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>36,628</b>	<b>5,568</b>	<b>42,196</b>	<b>46,555</b>

**BRIDGE TO CROSS CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
HSBC Current Account	7,275		7,275	9,303
Affirmative Deposit Bond for charities	35,470		35,470	37,170
Cash in Hand	14		14	82
	42,759		42,759	46,555
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors and accruals	-563		-563	
<b>TOTAL NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	42,196		42,196	46,555
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>				
<b>RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS</b>		5,568	5,568	5,392
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Note: Freehold Property

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<b>1. GRANTS RECEIVED</b>			
	£	£	£
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Unrestricted Grant	7,000		7,000
Postcode Communities			
Archbishop of Wales Fund			
Council for Wales Voluntary Service			
Gavo			
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>10,739</u>	<u>17,739</u>

**2. FUNDRAISING**

Café income	41		41
	<u>41</u>		<u>41</u>

**3. OTHER INCOME**

Co-operation Agreement	10,000		10,000
Office rental	238		238
	<u>10,238</u>		<u>10,238</u>

**4. MAINTENANCE**

Computers and technology	234	449	683
CCTV Renewal	948		948
Equipment and fixtures	19	51	70
Repairs to buildings	5,211		5,211
	<u>6,412</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>6,912</u>

**5. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

General expenses	826	23	849
Stationery	610		610
Bank Charges	96		96
Insurance	504	1,506	2,010
Light and heat	1,501	1,306	2,807
Rent and rates	648	312	960
Telephone	731		731
Water charges	23	259	282
Travel	26		26
Safeguarding	45	45	90
	<u>5,010</u>	<u>3,451</u>	<u>8,461</u>

**6. OTHER COSTS**

Chip night		1,157	
IYE Festival		2,676	2,676
Café Costs	252		252
Barbecue	206		
Christmas party	267		
PCC Hotspot		158	
	<u>725</u>	<u>3,991</u>	<u>2,928</u>

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