



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Jan	2023		31	Dec	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bryn Residents Action Group

Other names charity is known by

BRAG

Registered charity number (if any)

1158947

Charity's principal address

5 Bryn Varteg, Bryn, Port Talbot

Postcode

SA13 2RJ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Paul Bulmer	Chair	NA
2	Dafydd Bowen		NA
3	John Thomas		NA
4	Dianne Thomas		NA
5	James Sullivan		Started 1/10/23
6	Phil Morgan		Started 1/10/23
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### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Lloyds	115 Station Road, Port Talbot, SA13 1NR

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution- adopted 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected from and by the members of BRAG during the Annual General Meeting.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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BRAG are members of Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service (NPT CVS) and have access to roles and responsibilities information via the website. They also receive regular news bulletins.

## Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of BRAG are:

The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban or rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in the village of Bryn) by all or any of the following means:

- (a) the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities:
- (b) the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance:
- (c) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities:
- (d) the protection or conservation of the environment:
- (e) the promotion of public safety and prevention of crime:
- (f) Such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales."

## Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Using a grant from the Big Lottery, we obtained a 25yr lease from NPT Council for the derelict Tennis Courts area on Bryn Recreation Ground. During 2023, we maintained these grounds, arranged the annual safety inspection and organised activities to make full use of these facilities.

Having established a 4-mile Heritage Walk at the edge of the village, starting in the Bryn Nature reserve picnic area and returning to this point. The path has been kept clear of fallen trees, undergrowth etc. Further stones had to be laid in sections to bridge streams and bogs and drainage ditches dug by hand. Way markers and signage have been maintained or replaced as required. All this work was undertaken by voluntary members of BRAG. The route continues to be maintained on a monthly basis. BRAG also maintains a picnic area and miners memorial located at the start of this walk.

In the past, we undertook a number of one off activities such as installing a memorial to the memory of local miners and organising the official opening of this. The old coal dram rescued from the school closure the year before was used as part of this memorial. We continue to maintain this memorial site.

We organise the Beast of Bryn Trail run each year, which bring over 500 runners to the village to take part in this charity run.

We manage the running of the Village Community centre for the village.

Other activities include:

- Helping with the running of the Richard Burton Race, attracting over two thousand runners and raising money for local charities.

- Support of social clubs in the village such as a Heritage Club, an over 50's club, a Bowling Club, a Cricket Team, The Bryn Ukraine Aid group, etc.
- Community events such as a Halloween Party, a Christmas Event and an annual Party in the Park.
- We also produce and deliver a village newsletter and run a village website and social media groups.
- Maintaining flower boxes at the entrance to the village from both directions and at the Cenotaph.
- Organising the remembrance service at the Cenotaph each year.

In planning and delivering all the individual activities and plans for the year the Trustees have considered and had regard to the Public Benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have also worked with other organisations to help deliver many other activities for the village such as monthly walks, including an evening walk during the summer months.

We have worked alongside Afan Environment group to help protect the environment in the surrounding area.

We were unable to deliver the village newsletter due to Covid restrictions but it appears that most of the village are now happy to receive information via the website, social media and the community centre notice board.

We continue to develop the village website at <https://brynporttalbot.wordpress.com/>

We delivered children's events for Easter, Summer, Halloween and Christmas.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have considered a reserves policy and felt it is necessary to keep £5,000 to cover any potential damage to assets such as tennis court nets and to sustain BRAG through any short-term drought in grant funding.

£5000 would cover running costs such as insurance, lease rents, printing, etc. for about two years.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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The organisation had good funding from the Beast of Bryn 2022 event resulting in a £2,000 improvement in our account balance over the year. However, the company managing the race, Run Afan, ceased trading after the 2023 event and failed to pay BRAG the money they took for the event.

## Section F

## Other optional information

In future years, we intend to continue the regular activities as listed in this report including:

- Introduce Sports coaching on the village playing fields
- Organise the annual events such as Party in the Park, Halloween, Christmas, etc.
- Work with other groups to deliver sports, protect the environment, deliver supervised walks, etc.
- Protect and publicise the local heritage of the area.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Paul Bulmer	Dafydd Bowen
	(hand written signatures on hard copy in BRAG files)	
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	Paul Bulmer
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee & Chair	Trustee

  

<b>Signature(s)</b>	John Thomas	Diane Thomas
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	John Thomas
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Trustee

  

<b>Signature(s)</b>	James Sullivan	Phil Morgan
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	James Sullivan
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	Trustee

  

<b>Date</b>	23/05/2024
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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bryn Residents Action Group (CIO)

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donation from Richard Burton 10k	259			259	249
Donations from Christmas tree appeal	-			-00	-00
Halloween receipts	120			120	100
Donations to Stop Y Bryn appeal	-			-00	-00
Beast of Bryn race donation	2,100			2,100	2,500
Beast of Bryn T shirt sales etc					393
Run Afan Forest LT Beat Donations	200			200	-00
Beast of Bryn pitch fee	25			25	-00
Christmas lights receipts	38			38	228
Christmas party receipts	338			338	
Dwr Cymru donation for cabin				-00	200
Just giving and other donations	114			114	155
Interest earned from deposit account	110			110	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>3,825</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-		
	-	-	-		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>3,825</b>

### A3 Payments

Insurance costs	284			284	249
Beast of Bryn food/race costs	32			32	1,100
Paints etc				-00	170
Website	60			60	111
Stationery	32			32	109
Safety inspections	78			78	78
Signage				-00	53
Cost of netball posts	138			138	
Tennis court maintenance				-00	91
Halloween party costs	110			110	110
Wreath for Remembrance Day				-00	37
Christmas party costs	110			110	

Christmas Tree costs	84			84	560
Rent	90			90	45
Other					9
Bryn Residents Act	75			75	
Support for Ukraine	85			85	44
<i>Sub total</i>	1,177	-		1,177	2,766

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-		-	-	
	-	-	-		
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-		-

<i>Total payments</i>	1,177	-	-	1,177	2,766
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<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	2,127	-00		2,127	1,059
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<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
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<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	13,936	646		14,582	12,877
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<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	16,063	646		16,709	13,936
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## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank and cash	16,063	646	
	<b>Total cash funds</b> <small>(agree balance with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	16,063	646	
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J M Sullivan (Signed hard copy in BRAG files)	J M SULLIVAN	23/05/2024
D P Bowen	D P BOWEN	23/05/2024

**Report to the Trustees and Members of Bryn Residents Action Group**

Charities in England and Wales are regulated by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and are subject to the requirements set by the Charities Act 1993. Under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 an audit for a financial year is required if the:

charity's gross income in that year exceeds £500,000, or

aggregate value of the charity's assets, without deducting any liabilities, exceeds £3.26m and its gross income exceeds £250,000.

Charities which are not required to have an audit of their accounts are required to have an independent examination if their gross income exceeds £25,000. In addition for charities with gross income exceeding £250,000 the independent examiner will need to hold a relevant professional qualification.

Bryn Residents Action Group is not required to undertake an independent examination as its gross income is less than £25,000

As Bryn Residents Action Group gross income is less than £500,000 and there are no assets the charity is not required to carry out an audit as required by the Companies Act 2006.

**Terry Filer FCCA**  
**22-May-24**