



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Jan	2024		31	Dec	2024

## 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		Resigned as trustee in September 2024
4	Dianne Thomas		Resigned as trustee in September 2024
5	James Sullivan		NA
6	Phil Morgan		NA
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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 three 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 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.

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.

We had initially installed a Trim Trail in the park and maintained this each year. However, it had reached the point where it needed to be completely replaced. In 2024 we obtained a £10,000 grant from the Lottery Community Fund, which enabled us to do this.

A summary of the years events can be found on the website at <https://brynporttalbot.wordpress.com/2025/01/26/brag-in-2024/>

## 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. BRAG took on the full organisation of the Beast in 2024 but did have to purchase many items of equipment that had previously been supplied by Run Afan. After obtaining a government levelling up grant for £7,000 we were able to continue to run the event having made many one off purchases from the grant, which will not be required in 2025.

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

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

<b>Date</b>	12/04/2025
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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bryn Residents Action Group (CIO)

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

### 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	297			297	259
Sponsorship donations received	450			450	-00
Halloween net receipts	172			172	120
Christmas event net receipts	345				
Pitch fees	75			75	-00
Bryn Residents Act		75			
Community Fund Grant	10,000			10,000	
Grants received	6,999			6,999	2,100
Race receipts	8,530			8,530	-00
Deposit return (barriers for race)	300			300	200
Refund (bouncy castle)	30			30	25
Adexa refund from storage boxes	25			25	38
Greenwood Moreland insurance refund	36			36	338
Just giving and other donations	12			12	114
Interest earned from deposit account	259			259	110
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>27,530</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-00</b>	<b>27,185</b>	<b>3,304</b>

#### A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

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	-	-	-		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>

**Total receipts** **27,530** **75** **-** **27,605** **3,304**

#### A3 Payments

Insurance costs	362			362	284
Race running costs	12,927			12,927	32
Replacement trim trail play area	9,935			9,935	
Repairs and maintenance	1,413			1,413	
Website	72			72	60
Stationery/computer supplies	152			152	32
Tools	1,206			1,206	
Safety inspections				-	78
Cost of netball posts				-	138
Halloween party costs	160			160	110
Wreath for Remembrance Day	25			25	
Donations to local charities	250			250	
Christmas party costs	160			160	110
Christmas Tree costs				-	83
Rent				-	90
Bryn Residents Act				-	75
Support for Ukraine				-	85
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,662</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>26,662</b>	<b>1,177</b>

#### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-		-
<b>Total payments</b>	26,662	-	-	26,662	1,177
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	868	75		943	2,127
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	16,063	646		16,709	14,582
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	16,931	721		17,652	16,709

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

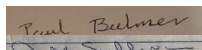
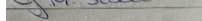
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank and cash	16,931	721	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	16,931	721	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Paul Bulmer

James Sullivan

25/05/2025

25/05/2025

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.

For 2024 Bryn Residents Action Group are required to undertake an independent examination as its gross income is over £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**

**26-Mar-25**



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Bryn Residents Action Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1158947

Set out on pages

1 to 10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

30 September 2025

Name:

Rob Cole

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Maesteg, CF34 0BQ