



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Jan	2025		31	Dec	2025

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	James Sullivan		NA
4	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 rd 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. The chair also receives Charity Commission newsletters which he shares with trustees as appropriate

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 2025, 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 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. We now continue to inspect and maintain this facility.

A summary of the years events can be found on the website at [BRAG in 2025 – Bryn Village](#)

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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BRAG now runs the Beast of Bryn Trail race. This race breaks even at around 350 runner registrations. Any profit generated is used to help meet the charitable aims of BRAG.

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

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

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

Date	27/05/2026
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bryn Residents Action Group (CIO)

1158947

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2025

To

31/12/2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donation from Richard Burton 10k	300			300	297
Sponsorship donations received	1,513			1,513	450
Halloween net receipts	34			34	172
Christmas event net receipts	504			504	345
Pitch fees				-00	75
Bryn Residents Act				-00	75
Community Fund Grant				-00	10,000
Grants received				-00	6,999
Race receipts	8,241			8,241	8,530
Deposit return (barriers for race)				-00	300
Refund (bouncy castle)				-00	30
Refunds	12			12	25
Greenwood Moreland insurance refund				-00	36
Just giving and other donations				-00	12
Interest earned from deposit account	218			218	259
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,823	-00	-00	10,823	27,605
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,823	-	-	10,823	27,605
A3 Payments					
Insurance costs	439			439	362
Race running costs	7,365			7,365	12,927
Replacement trim trail play area	0			-	9,935
Repairs and maintenance	399			399	1,413
Website				-	72
Stationery/computer supplies	125			125	152
Tools				-	1,206
Safety inspections	172			172	-
Halloween party costs	208			208	160
Wreath for Remembrance Day	30			30	25
Donations to local charities	720			720	250
Christmas party costs	192			192	160
Christmas Tree costs	350			350	-
Rent	45			45	-
Independent review of 2024 accounts	360			360	-
Afan environment	50			50	-
Sub total	10,454	-	-	10,454	26,662
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,454	-	-	10,454	26,662
Net of receipts/(payments)	369	-00		369	943
A5 Transfers between funds					

A6 Cash funds last year end	17,652	720		18,372	16,709
Cash funds this year end	18,021	720		18,741	17,652

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank and cash	18,021	720	
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balance with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	18,021	720	
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
B3 Investment assets	Details	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	

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.

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
14-May-26