

BRECON CATHEDRAL

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Annual Report and Independently Examined Financial Statements For Year Ended 31 December 2023



The Dean and Chapter of Brecon Cathedral

Constituted by The Welsh Church Act 1914
and The Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act 1991 and
The Constitution and Regulations of the Cathedral Church
of St John the Evangelist Brecon adopted on 27 May 2022 as amended on 22 September 2023

Charity Registration Number 1160017

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

1.1. Purpose

The principal objectives of The Dean and Chapter of Brecon Cathedral (**Charity**) are to:

- Advance the Christian religion of the Church in Wales for the public benefit.
- Promote the mission of the Church in Wales in and through the Cathedral by promoting the statement of faith more particularly described in: The Constitution of the Church in Wales; The Royal Charter 1919; The Welsh Church Act 1914; and The Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act 1991.
- Resource the Cathedral for future ministry and mission.
- Achieve and develop lay and ordained vocations that will enable and equip ministers and laity in mission, education, and evangelism.

1.2. Activities

1.2.1. The Charity ensures that the Cathedral is a focus of worship, spirituality, and prayer for all who visit, by:

- Maintaining a daily pattern of corporate prayer and worship, giving glory to God, and holding the needs of the Church, the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, and the wider society.
- Exploring innovative styles of worship alongside sustaining the centuries-old Cathedral sacramental and choral tradition.
- Supporting the Bishop in his ministry and developing links with the Ministry Areas across the Diocese.
- Enabling tourists and pilgrims to grow and flourish through new patterns of spirituality and prayerful explorations.
- Nurturing God's people in the Christian faith and tradition, rooted in the study of Holy Scripture and prayer in the pattern of the Benedictine heritage of the Cathedral.
- Working to encourage children, young people, and families to feel welcomed and embraced by the variety of worship and events.

1.2.2. The Charity ensures that the Cathedral is an inclusive and hospitable space that welcomes those of faith, other faiths, and no faiths, as well as tourists and visitors, by:

- Bringing the Cathedral's heritage and spiritual resources to a wide range of backgrounds and ages, providing opportunities to learn and respond to the Gospel.
- Extending welcome to those of all faiths and none who visit to pray, attend a community event, or want to explore the rich history and heritage of the Cathedral.
- Witnessing the sacred by exploring new ways of interpreting the building for tourists and visitors, and ensuring that it remains a light, open space that is clean, safe, and an uncluttered environment.

- Working in partnership with external organisations to develop ways to attract more visitors to Brecon and to the Cathedral, recognising that people visit faith destinations for varied reasons.
- Developing the Tithebarn as a flexible learning and hospitality suite, as an adaptable space for multiple use, and to provide new income streams for the Charity.
- Develop the Cathedral shop as a welcoming destination for visitors.

1.2.3 The Charity is committed to mission and outreach, by:

- Working in partnership with other organisations in the public and private sectors, the civic and military groups, and charities for the common good of the communities served by the Charity.
- Developing ways to engage afresh with the Diocese and its Ministry Areas.
- Working with the Brecon Ministry area to ensure that the members of all the churches in the Ministry Area are able to contribute to the Cathedral and its mission.
- Safeguarding that Ministry initiatives are not duplicated but shared, recognising each church has its particular strengths to reach varied communities across the area.

1.2.4 The Charity will ensure that the Cathedral will become financially sustainable and establish a clear building program of maintenance and reordering, by:

- Ensuring the future sustainability of the Cathedral in order to ensure it has the capacity to develop its mission and grow its ministry.
- Ensuring that the Cathedral achieves a gender balance in governance and ministry as outlined by the Province of the Church in Wales.
- Developing a financially sustainable future through good use of the buildings and the Cathedral Close, offering annual teaching on Christian stewardship, and practicing robust financial protocols and procedures.
- Replenishing reserves and generating a surplus budget through identifying ways to increase revenue, particularly through charitable giving by those who visit the Cathedral and shop.
- Addressing the recommendations of the current Quinquennial Report through a major development and refurbishment project for the Cathedral, grounds, and Tithebarn.

1.2.5 The Charity ensures that the Cathedral is a centre of learning and discipleship, by:

- Engaging with Church, county, and local schools throughout the Diocese.
- Developing partnership with local schools through teaching music through the chorister and concert initiatives.
- Developing programmes of theological learning as a resource for Ministry Areas across the Diocese.
- Working collaboratively with the Bishop's Officer for Children, Youth & Families to deliver children's activities in the Cathedral and Tithebarn.
- Running public courses for Advent and Lent and encouraging formal learning ahead of baptism and confirmation.

1.3 Public Benefit

From the activities above, public benefit is delivered by the Charity:

- By encouraging adults, children, young people, and families to find something of benefit to them in visiting the Cathedral, whether this is heritage-related, spiritual, or improving health and wellness.
- By welcoming all people of faith and those with none who come to the Cathedral for a spiritual experience, to join in a community event, to study the history and heritage of the site, or even just to find a few moments of peace in a beautiful building.
- By working in partnership with external tourist-based organisations and taking a lead-partner role in the newly created Brecon Cultural and Heritage Network (operating as Brecon Story), which seeks to bring together tourist-reliant organisations within Brecon to share ideas and stories with which to promote the town to visitors and tourists.
- By partnering with faith and non-faith organisations in the public and private sectors, the civic and military populations within Brecon and the Diocese, and charities for the common good of the communities we jointly serve.
- By working with Young Offenders' Institutions and the Probation Service to offer work placement and training to those on probation.
- By working with young heritage-building apprentices and career-change adults to foster and maintain the traditional building skills applicable to a medieval building.
- By developing a partnership with mental health charity MIND to deliver projects for people affected through mental health issues and the wellbeing of people in general.
- By growing our engagement with Church, county, and local schools throughout the Diocese.
- By developing partnerships with local schools through teaching music through the chorister and concert initiatives.
- By expanding programmes of theological learning as a resource for Ministry Areas across the Diocese.
- By partnering with local museums to deliver children's workshops in the Cathedral and Tithebarn.

The Trustees of the Charity have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in assessing their compliance with this requirement.

1.4 Principal Service

The principal service offered by the Charity (as identified in the accompanying accounts) is the provisioning of the Cathedral through undertaking the activities identified in 1.2. All actions of the Charity are in support of fundraising for and delivering the activities listed.

The total income for 2023 was £275,216 with an additional £11,395 realised and unrealised gain on investment funds and £14,325 deferred income carried forward to 2025.

The total operating expenditure for 2023 was £332,617, with exceptional items adding £96,843, to provide a total figure of £429,460.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The accounts cover the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, and this section reviews some of the achievements of the Charity between these dates.

2.1 Financial

- The accounts for 2023 show an operating deficit to the Charity of £57,401, to which must be added exceptional expenditure of £96,843. Realised and unrealised investment gains of £11,395 bring a total declared deficit of £142,850 for the year. This deficit was anticipated for 2023 since most of the exceptional amount of £96,843 is made up of project costs and repairs to Garth Cottage ahead of its proposed sale in 2024.
- The operating deficit of £57,401 for 2023 compares to £61,503 for 2021 (when exceptional income connected with Covid-19 support is ignored), and £35,505 for 2022.
- Part of the operating deficit is due to £14,325 of received income being carried forward to 2024, which would otherwise have brought the operating deficit down to £43,076. Further, £17,108 was also carried forward into 2024 from income received in previous years.
- 2023 will be the final year without greater support from the Representative Body of the Church in Wales following a settlement agreement in 2023. This will increase funding for the Charity and reduce expenditure on Ministry Share. For most of the past 20 years, the Charity has experienced operating deficits (averaging c. £30,000 but increasing markedly more recently except for 2020 and 2022 when Covid-19 support was received). These have been covered by calling upon investment capital and this has been necessary in 2023 and will be again in 2024. This is unsustainable and is the reason for the settlement with the Representative Body; without additional funding the Charity would not be viable in the long term.
- The highest expenditure this year, as last, was on salary costs (£143,029 to include National Insurance and pension contributions), reduced through a Choir Trust grant of £18,200 for the Director of Music, £7,400 for the Assistant Organist, and £5,333 for the Sub Organist, a contribution from St Mary's Church of £4,100 for the Assistant Organist, and a Representative Body of the Church in Wales grant of £53,000 towards administrative salaries. The net spend on salaries during 2023 was, therefore, £54,996.
- Spending on salaries was higher than previous years as the Cathedral started paying the Chapter Clerk and Treasurer from April 2022 for three days per week with a full year's salary being paid in 2023. This accounted for £39,486 of the salary cost, all taken from the £53,000 restricted grant from the Church in Wales Representative Body. An additional salary was paid to the newly appointed Accounts Officer in 2023.
- Ministry Share for 2023 was £30,619 (a low figure due to previous year adjustments; it will be higher in 2024) and was the highest expenditure after salaries.
- Other significant costs include utilities costs; gas use overall cost £27,886, offset by a rebate from the Diocese and clergy of £2,390 to give a net cost of £25,496. This is much lower than 2022 due to reasons explained in the previous Annual Report. The refund from British Gas to cover some of the high costs of 2022 was received in 2023 and amounted to an expected £8,171.48. This is shown in the accounts as unrestricted income as it was a refund of expenditure committed and paid for in 2022.
- Other operating costs include insurance and security costs totalling £18,419, property costs for the Assistant Organist of £10,105 (covered by restricted income brought forward from 2022), electricity use for all buildings cost £9,474, miscellaneous music (detailed below) cost £5,228, music events of £4,971, equipment maintenance was £4,662, hospitality came to £3,234, printing and publications was £3,104, event costs totalled £2,994 (covered by a restricted grant), website and internet fees were £2,547, and organ tuning and repairs cost £2,919. All other itemised costs, except those noted below, were under £2,000.

- Exceptional costs (outside usual operating costs) were £71,764 on the Development Phase of the People | Passion | Priory (NLHF) project (some of which will be reclaimed from the NLHF in 2024) working towards a Round 2 submission in 2024, £19,809 repairs to Garth Cottage prior to sale in 2024, a new website and computers for two new staff members, and costs related to Convivium (which is now separate from the Charity; all remaining capital will be transferred in 2024)
- Extraordinary items have been shown separately in the accounts and relate to income and expenditure on the Brecon Heritage and Cultural Network (trading as Brecon Story). Although the project is run by and through the Cathedral, all income and expenditure are restricted and reliant on grants. There is no material effect on the Charity's accounts except that £4,914 has been brought forward into the 2023 accounts and the remaining £1,561 will be carried forward into 2024. Brecon Story will be established as a separate organisation in 2024, and the remaining money held by the Charity will be transferred.
- Congregational and visitor giving was £58,807 in 2023 compared to £56,174 in 2022. This is closer to levels seen pre-pandemic.
- The existing fundraising initiatives have been continued during 2023 including the promotion of a 200 Club for congregation members, online donation methods through JustGiving, and an online shopping portal to raise commission-based donations for the Charity through GiveAsYouLive. Due to the success of the new Goodbox contactless donation unit, two congregation collection plates with built in card readers were purchased in 2021 with grant funding. These are proving very popular and the level of donations given electronically makes up for the decline in cash giving. Conversely, collection boxes were used more in 2023 than in 2022 showing that this is still a viable way of raising funds for the Charity.
- 2016 saw a significant investment in tarmacking the Cathedral car park and initiating a pay-and-display system of parking with camera enforcement. This remains a highly successful initiative, and income in 2023 was the highest yet. Gross income was £12,762 less management fees of £900 to give a net income of £11,862. By policy, no income is received directly or indirectly from fines.
- After the investments held as reserves by the Charity showed an unrealised loss of £40,604 in 2022, some of this was recovered through a realised (£2,024) and unrealised gain (£9,371) in 2023, totalling £11,395.
- Revaluations of property and heritage assets in 2023 resulted in a gain of £305,900.
- The Trustees are responding positively to this year's and also past years' funding deficits and are seeking to put the Charity on a more sustainable financial footing. This will not happen without considerable investment and the People | Passion | Priory project will provide this. Additionally, successful discussions with the Representative Body of the Church in Wales regarding funding for Cathedrals will provide more income in 2024.

2.2 People

- The Charity started 2023 with eight Trustees (The Dean, the Archdeacon of Brecon, the Archdeacon of Gower, the Archdeacon for Ministry Areas, the Canon Residentiary of Brecon Cathedral, and three lay members). All remained in post throughout 2023.
- Dr Mike Williams, the Chapter Clerk and Chapter Treasurer, remained in position for 2023.
- The Director of Music, Mr Stephen Power, remained in post for 2023.
- The Assistant Organist, Mr Jonathan Pilgrim, remained in post for 2023.
- The Administrator, Ms Karen Schiebe remained in post for 2023.

- The Verger, Ms Jo Burges, remained in post for 2023.
- The Facilities Officer, Mr Shane Healey remained in post for 2023.
- The Cleaner, Ms Julie Morgan remained in post for 2023.
- A new Communications Officer, Ms Jo Burges (who will retain the separate post of Verger) was appointed on 1 September 2023 on a part-time basis.
- A new Accounts Officer, Ms Veronica Alexander was appointed on 1 September 2023 on a part-time basis.
- A new Assistant Facilities Officer, Mr Richard Williams (who has previously worked for the Charity) was appointed on 1 July 2023 on a part-time basis.
- With the Assistant Organists absent for some of 2023, a new Sub Organist, Dr Boyang Guan, was appointed on 1 September 2023 on a temporary full-time contract.
- The Brecon Heritage and Culture Network (administered by the Charity as lead-partner) employed an Administrator, Julia Blazer, directly from the organisation. She remained in post for part of 2023 before resigning. She has not been replaced.

2.3 Outreach

- HM The King and HM The Queen visited Brecon Cathedral to meet the Charity trustees, those working there, and specially invited guests from around the Diocese. Their Majesties listened to some choral music performed by the Cathedral Choir and the Ascension Mass Choir, who were providing a concert that evening.
- The Charity supports the Director of Music in selecting boys and girls with singing promise from local schools and inviting them to become Cathedral choristers. The Director of Music has a duty to ensure that socially deprived children have equal access to joining the choir. This provides selected choristers with voice and instrument lessons, as well as the opportunity to sing at services.
- The Charity had a Choir Open Day in January as part of developing chorister recruitment. It was a very successful day with more children enrolled into the Cathedral Choir.
- The Charity, with the involvement of the regiment of The Royal Welsh and 160 Brigade, held the annual Rorke's Drift service in January (to commemorate events in the 1879 Zulu War). The military community also joined for the annual Remembrance Day Service and wreath laying.
- The Charity hosted Diocesan events in the Cathedral during 2023 including the ordination of one new deacon and two priests on 24 June, and the installation of three Honorary Canons on 11 November.
- On 3 March, the Charity was represented at the unveiling of a Purple Plaque dedicated to Brecon-born Dr Frances Hogan (the first British woman to receive a medical degree from a European institution) and exhibited the baptismal water jug given to the Cathedral in her memory at the reception following the unveiling.
- The Charity welcomed the Youth Zone to the Cathedral, when children and teenagers enjoyed finding out about the history of the building and how the Cathedral is used today.
- On 7 May, the Charity held a special Evensong to celebrate the Coronation of HM the King and HM The Queen.
- The Diocese-wide Mother's Union groups held their annual service at the Cathedral.
- In May, the Royal School of Church Music held a choral festival at the Cathedral.
- The London Film Orchestra held two sell-out concerts in tribute to the music of Hans Zimmer and John Williams at the Cathedral, accommodating more than 400 people at each event.

- On 1 June, the Charity held its annual Cathedral Chaos event with hundreds of children visiting for all or part of the day. There was music, a petting zoo, and balloon sculpting among the activities on offer. Over the Easter period, children in the Choir presented mothers in the congregation with a posy of flowers on Mothering Sunday. On 24 December there was also a Crib service for children.
- The Charity hosted the Order of the Temple of Jerusalem for its Investiture and Dedication service, attracting 40 attendees.
- The Charity welcomed the staff and children of Priory School and other local schools to make use of the Cathedral for services and events, including the annual school leavers' service. The service was opened by pupils from Llangors primary—which has been awarded School of Sanctuary status—who shared a message about sanctuary, and there were crafts and activities and displays from Christian Aid and the Brecon Beacons National Park.
- As part of the Charity involvement with the Brecon Choir Festival, an Ascension Mass by Rod Paton was preformed at the Cathedral made up of local singers following several weeks of open rehearsals.
- The Charity engages with the Brecon Street Pastors and gives support to the Cathedral member on the team. The Pastors patrol the streets of Brecon through the evenings and nights at selected weekends and at festival occasions to keep locals and visitors' safe whilst they are out and also at the Royal Welsh Show.
- Due to its ongoing popularity, the Charity continued printing its Cathedral trail leaflet for children visiting the Cathedral in the style of a detective hunt. Stickers are presented to those who take part. This has again proved extremely popular.
- The Treorchy Male Voice Choir performed at the Cathedral.
- The Charity arranged a Come and Sing Choral Evensong inviting local singers to take part alongside the Cathedral Choir.
- The summer lunchtime recital series saw performances by chamber orchestras, strings, piano, organ, and classical singers.
- The Charity held a Silent Disco, first for children, and then for adults, turning the Cathedral nave into a discotheque. Four channels of music were on offer with refreshments for those attending. Over 100 people took part.
- In August, the Charity hosted an arts project displaying an icon of *The Woman at the Well* in collaboration with the Retreat Association. It has been on display at 25 retreat centres, seven cathedrals, seven churches, and two educational establishments and been the focus for quiet days, conferences, and icon painting workshops.
- The Charity provides work for young people serving community sentences, through Mr Shane Healey, the Cathedral Facilities Officer and this helps rehabilitate offenders back into society and provides them with experience of working.
- The Charity worked with local mental health charity MIND to offer gardening and crafts.
- The Charity invited past choristers and lay clerks to a celebration of the life and choral works of Delyth Cresswell featuring a concert of music most associated with her teaching.
- The Charity held a one-day Medieval Fayre featuring music, talks, presentations, reenactments, food, drink, and crafts. Hundreds of visitors braved the wet day and feedback was extremely positive.
- To celebrate the centenary of the Cathedral, the Charity invited Dr Rowan Williams to give a talk at the Cathedral, which was attended by an almost full house.
- The Charity collaborated with the Brecknock Local History Society and the Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh to invite Amy Kitcher from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to talk in the Cathedral about the war graves in our area.

- The Band of the Prince of Wales played a concert at the Cathedral in September, which was so popular that they returned in December for a repeat performance.
- The Harvest service this year, on 1 October, collected for the Brecon Food Bank, concentrating on items that they had specifically requested. A permanent collection point for donations to the Foodbank is kept in the Cathedral.
- The Charity hosted a pet blessing service at which local people brought in their pets to be blessed. It was a huge success and attracted significant publicity.
- To counter the wars and violence experienced in the world, the Charity arranged for weekly peace vigils to take place, which are popular with congregation and visitors alike.
- In collaboration with the Brecknock Society and Museum Friends, the Charity hosted Dr Martin Crampin to talk about the stained-glass windows in the Cathedral and launch his new book *Welsh Saints from Welsh Churches*.
- The Aberhonddu Male Voice Choir sang in the Cathedral with a soprano soloist.
- The Charity hosted a performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio ahead of the festive season, which was very well attended.
- The Charity hosted a Christmas Fair in December featuring craft stalls, food, drink, and musical accompaniment by the Cathedral Choir and guests. For children, there was a Santa's grotto and bouncy castle.
- During the autumn, the lychgate roof was repaired and the Charity hosted an Open Day for people to learn more about the ancient craft of stone tiling. There were demonstrations on the day as well as the craftspeople talking about their work. The lychgate reroofing also saw trainee roofers being trained in heritage skills.
- The Charity hosted a popular 'Afternoon in Paris' themed concert.
- Crickhowell Choral Society preformed Brahms's Requiem at the Cathedral, which was extremely popular.
- The Charity launched a brand-new website and keeps it regularly updated with news, events, and stories from the Cathedral. It also serves our social media sites on Facebook and Twitter.

2.4 Fabric

- Regular expenditure on fabric was kept to the minimum during 2023, with £1,307 spent on maintenance, mostly on minor repairs, and £4,662 for equipment maintenance, mostly relating to repairing and servicing machinery, maintaining fire appliances, and boiler repairs. Both sums combined were only £969 above budget and met the policy of instigating only minor repairs while the People | Passion | Priory project is ongoing.
- Expenditure on grounds maintenance was £1,373, including equipment maintenance (included above) related to servicing machinery.
- The Charity received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in September 2023 and was able to commence the Development Phase of the project, working towards a Round 2 submission in 2024. The project includes reroofing the south transept, north transept, chancel (and organ chamber), and Havard Chapel (leaving for a subsequent phase the nave, north and south aisles and St Laurence Chapel/sacristy roofs) and making the Cathedral watertight (which will, in turn, reduce annual maintenance costs significantly), forming a west entrance (providing equal access for all), and reordering (allowing for a more flexible space), with a small allowance for the Tithebarn (to be developed as a source of income for the Charity). The expenditure on the project in 2023 was £71,764, almost entirely to develop the Round 2 submission.
- The Cathedral Architect, Mr Stephen Oliver, was reappointed for 2023.

- A Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in 2021 by the Cathedral Architect, which has informed the application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The executive summary reads:
The condition of the building has been of concern for some time. The stone tiled roofs were last relaid in the 19th century and are now all in need of retiling. However, resources for such a major project are not available, and so the work will need to be phased. The Chancel and South Transept are the highest priorities due to their poor condition and important interiors. Access for maintenance is very difficult and needs to be improved to allow clearance of moss and debris from gutters. Plant growth at high level remains a problem, which will need to be addressed, and kept on top of. The walls of the Tower appear to be suffering from driving rain ingress and there are other areas where pointing is poor, and this supports plant growth. There are numerous other concerns, for example to the roof of the Nave south-west turret, failing and blocked rainwater goods, the Boiler House asphalt roof. There are several damp patches internally. The floors have some trip hazards and monuments are damaged in places. Precinct walls are also poor, and the Lychgate needs reroofing.
- In the Parish Return for 2023 (submitted July 2024), the Cathedral boundary walls, lychgate, roof, rainwater goods, external pointing, and the existence of damp in the building were all recorded as poor. The path and steps, windows and guards, heating systems, and internal decorations were also noted as of concern.

2.5 Management

- As part of equipping the Charity to undertake the significant work for the People | Priory | Passion project during the Delivery Phase, preparations were begun to convert the Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This transfer will be finalised in 2024. The trustees will remain the same and the new constitution will follow the Charity Commission's approved format.
- The Charity Constitution requires trustees to meet every two months under the guise of the Cathedral Chapter, providing for six meetings every year. In 2023, six meetings took place in person.
- A Project Board was appointed to oversee the People | Passion | Priory project, reporting to the Charity trustees, and comprising the Dean (who Chairs the Board), Chapter Clerk (who Vice Chairs the Board), Canon Precentor, and three lay trustees, in addition to specialist members appointed for their skills in project development including a freelance Community Engagement Officer.
- The commercial arm of the Cathedral is operated by the Brecon Cathedral Tithebarn Company Limited, a company limited by guarantee. Its meetings are arranged by its Directors, which comprise three Charity trustees and a member of the College of Canons. The structure of this arrangement was reviewed in 2022 and, in light of the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, it has become necessary to move the commercial arm into the Charity to allow grant money to be spent on the Tithebarn (which is currently a separate commercial facility out of Charity control). Accordingly, in 2024, the Brecon Cathedral Tithebarn Company Limited will be wound up and all assets and responsibilities will pass to the Charity.

2.6 External Approval

- In September 2022, the National Lottery Heritage Fund awarded the Charity a Development Phase grant of £158,297, with a potential Delivery Phase grant of

£1,418,848. The requirements for the grant involve not only a thorough explanation and justification for the work required, but also a comprehensive business plan showing outreach, activities, interpretation, and community engagement. The fact our plans were at a level to attract this degree of funding shows considerable external approval whilst in competition with other worthwhile bodies. It was the culmination of eight years of preparation and change.

- Attendance figures at services for 2023 recovered further from 2022 with Easter and Christmas services getting to pre-Covid-19 figures. The experience at Brecon Cathedral is not unique and the Representative Body of the Church in Wales has put aside a £100 million fund for Mission activities over the next 10 years to bring people back to the Church.
- Weddings, and funerals were down from 2022 as there were less weddings in the Cathedral but still brought in £2,440. Candle sales were commensurate with 2022.
- The Charity received voluntary donations from its visitors (service collections and collection boxes including electronic donations and Gift Aid claimed thereon) in 2023 amounting to £58,807, which was commensurate with 2022 (£56,174) but still below the total of £68,117 in 2019 (the last full year before Covid-19 restrictions). Notwithstanding, this still demonstrates a significant expression of goodwill and approval by Cathedral visitors.
- On Trip Advisor, 93 percent of independent reviews are either Excellent or Very Good. All reviews in 2023 were of this standard except for two poor reviews involving an objection to paying in the car park. All negative reviews on the site relate to similar complaints but they are getting fewer as visitors get used to the charges.
- The Charity keeps a Visitor's Book within the Cathedral, where feedback is unanimously positive. Work undertaken on the Visitor's Book by a university graduate as part of his MA research demonstrated the geographical spread of visitors from all parts of the United Kingdom, European Union countries, Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America, Brazil, Japan, China, and Russia. This is also borne out by visitors to the website, which are also worldwide.
- The Charity received positive feedback from schools and other organisations we partner with, and Brecon Story chose to remain connected to the Cathedral for 2023 due to the outreach we achieve.
- The Charity received grant funding from external bodies in 2023 amounting to £42,676, representing independent positive endorsements of the Charity and its running by the Trustees. This sum excludes the grant provided by the National Lottery Heritage Fund for developing the People | Passion | Priory project, which will not become payable until 2024.
- Visitor numbers rose in 2023 to reach pre-Covid-19 levels.
- As part of the Charity's second National Lottery Heritage Fund bid in 2019, 30 letters of support for the project and the Cathedral in general were received from individuals and organisations including the Archbishop of Wales, the local Member of Parliament, Member of the Senedd, and Lord Lieutenant of Powys, Christ College, Brecknock Sinfonia, Brecon Access Group, the Probation Service, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, the Brecknock Society, the Brecknock Museum & Art Gallery, Dementia Matters, the Regiment of the Royal Welsh, Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations, Theatr Brycheiniog, Keep Wales Tidy, and local funeral directors. Cadw have also written since in support of our plans. The National Lottery Heritage Fund have required renewed letters from some but not all of these individuals and organisations (to meet new requirements for the 2022 submission) and these have all been forthcoming.

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

3.1 Review of the Charity's Financial Position

The Cathedral Accounts for 2023 consist of a Statement of Financial Activities and a Balance Sheet. They were prepared by Dr Mike Williams, the Chapter Treasurer, and approved by Mr Brian Turner FCCA, an independent examiner, on 23 October 2024.

To provide more transparency in the accounts (and building on the policy adopted in previous years), netting off has been further reduced in 2023, showing the true expenditure and income under various headings. In some instances, this has resulted in further divisions of income and expenditure and, where this has happened, the corresponding figure for 2022 is included for the prior year figures where this is retrievable (or a combined total where this is not). This provides trustees (and external funding partners through this report) with more clarity with which to make decisions. Management accounts, in a simpler format but with the same division headings, are presented to the Charity trustees every quarter and are tracked against the annual budget for income and expenditure.

3.1.1 Expenditure

The total expenditure for 2023 (including amounts carried forward) with comparisons from 2022, can be divided among:

	2023	2022
Raising Funds	£ 1,635	£ 1,629
Charitable Activities		
• Maintaining the ministry of the Cathedral	£ 79,880	£ 68,642
• Delivering the services of a Cathedral	£ 77,486	£ 58,918
• Maintaining the Cathedral and grounds	£ 90,777	£115,242
• Office staffing and costs	£ 86,195	£ 69,922
• People Passion Priory project	£ 71,764	£ 15,530
• Garth Cottage Repairs	£ 19,809	£ 0
• Convivium Expenditure	£ 1,914	£ 2,655
• Carried forward sum	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 3,655</u>
Total	£429,460	£336,193

The Carried Forward sum is shown in Note 20.2: Deferred Income of the Accounts and not in Note 6: Expenditure for 2023.

Raising Funds

The cost of raising funds comprised prizes for the Cathedral 200 Club (£894), a small decrease from 2022 as new members did not outweigh leavers. The license fee (£20) came from unrestricted funds, but the prizes came from restricted funds gathered from members. £648 was spent on fees to run the Goodbox contactless donation unit and two contactless units built into the collection plates, commensurate with 2022. In addition, new giving envelopes were needed in 2023, which cost £93.

Maintaining the Ministry of the Cathedral

The cost of maintaining the ministry of the Cathedral rose from 2022, mostly because of an increase to Ministry Share from 62,397 in 2022 to £71,809 in 2023. The rebate given as a Diocesan Board of Finance grant remained unchanged at £41,190 and is recorded in the accounts as income. Less was spent on altar requisites as the stock was high before the year started but, after purchasing no votive candles in 2022, a new stock was necessary for 2023. Miscellaneous ministry expenditure was high for 2023 due to the children's play area receiving a make-over, equipment purchased for congregational hospitality, and new books purchased. All were allocated to Ministry as the most appropriate cost centre.

All expenditure comprised unrestricted funds except for £518 restricted income and £179 from expendable endowment income on altar requisites. Both sums comprised investment income.

Delivering the Services of a Cathedral

The cost of delivering the services of the Cathedral increased in 2023 from £58,918 in 2022 to £77,486 in 2023. This was due to an additional staff member being employed as a Sub-Organist for some of 2023 on a total of £5,647, as the existing Assistant Organist was on paid leave. Additionally, housing costs for the Assistant Organist approximately doubled from £5,488 in 2022 to £10,105 in 2023 as costs were paid for a full year instead of six months in 2022. The Cathedral Choir Trust kindly allowed the Charity to use its grant underspend in 2020 and 2021 on the property costs.

Organ tuning decreased in 2023 (£2,919) from 2022 (£6,272) to due to the cyclical nature of repairs to the instrument. Music event expenditure rose by approximately £4,000 (to £4,971 in 2023) with £1,845 being spent on the Wholly Soul Band concert being the largest expenditure. These events generate revenue for the Charity.

Miscellaneous music costs increased to £5,228 (up from £501 in 2022) due to the Director of Music being absent for three months and cover being needed. A more permanent solution was found going into 2024. Music license costs include £683 for a CCLI licence (commensurate with 2022) and a new PPLPRS license in 2023 (costing £737). The organ-scholarship honorarium was for only part of the year in 2023. A trip for the choristers (staff welfare) cost marginally more in 2023. Hospitality increased (£247 in 2022 to £986 in 2023) as a dinner for the lay clerks was arranged and paid for by the Charity. Resources and subscriptions, mostly for online payments, were shown separately in 2023 instead of being added to miscellaneous expenditure.

Expenditure to Garth Cottage was necessary in 2023 to resolve a long-term issue of leaks from the roof and chimney. Since the intention is to sell the property in 2024 to the Church in Wales Representative Body, this work was necessarily undertaken in 2023. The cost associated with this has been separately itemised in the SOFA to avoid skewing comparisons with 2022 when no expenditure took place.

All expenditure was unrestricted in 2023 except £18,200 towards the salary of the Director of Music, £7,400 towards the salary of the Assistant Organist, and £5,333 towards the

salary of the Sub-Organist, all of which was funded by a grant from the Choir Trust. A further £4,100 of the Assistant Organist's time was recharged to St Mary's Church in Brecon; for 2023 this included a regular element of underpayment for 2021 and 2022. £2,582 for organ repairs came from a restricted legacy. As noted above, the Choir Trust funded the accommodation for the Assistant Organist from prior grant underspends and has been regarded as restricted funds in the accounts.

Maintaining the Cathedral and Grounds

The cost of maintaining the Cathedral and grounds fell from £115,242 in 2022 to £90,777 in 2023. This was entirely expected since 2022 included a one-off event entitled, The Human One (detailed above) which cost £14,835 and was not repeated in 2023. Nor was any other large event organised during the year that may have cost similar. In addition, and as predicted in the Annual Report 2022, gas expenditure fell from £37,501 in 2022 to £21,859 in 2023. Further details are provided above.

Electricity use was up on 2022 figures (£8,838 in 2023 against £6,018 in 2022), since a new contract was necessary reflecting the recent price increase in supply. The Charity has signed a four-year agreement at prices that it considers will be cost effective going forward. Water rates were down from 2022 due to a more precise allocation of rates between the Cathedral, clergy properties, and the office. The new figure for 2023 is the benchmark for future years. It should be noted that the water rates for clergy properties and the Charity offices have increased as a result of this reallocation. Electricity testing was necessary in 2023, costing £1,234, whereas none was needed in 2022.

Insurance was entirely commensurate with 2022 (with a small drop in Cathedral insurance costs following a review of artifacts insured). It should be noted that Tithebarn insurance (which will be reclaimed) has been moved to this section for 2023 and the corresponding change made for 2022. Security was reduced due to an exceptional call out in 2022 not being repeated.

Expenditure on salaries rose according to the pay award granted from 1 January 2023, and also due to additional hours worked by the Facilities Officer (paid as overtime) and the Cleaner, whose contracted hours were increased. Additionally, extra help was required for the Facilities Officer, and a new role of Assistant Facilities Officer was created (see details above). The post is (to agreed and mutual advantage) a zero-hours contract and the postholder is paid for hours worked as required by the Facilities Officer.

The cost of the last Quinquennial Inspection in 2021 (paid for in 2022) was not repeated in 2023.

Cathedral maintenance and grounds maintenance were commensurate with 2022 figures (Cathedral from £1,474 in 2022 to £1,307 in 2023 and grounds from £1,401 in 2022 to £1,373 in 2023). This accords with the previously stated position of keeping expenditure to a minimum ahead of the anticipated start of the People | Passion | Priory project. No emergency repairs were necessary in 2023. Equipment maintenance and hire was also commensurate with 2022 (from £4,232 in 2022 to £4,662 in 2023, although maintenance was necessary to the disabled lift and is separately shown at a cost of £992 in 2023 compared to no expenditure in 2022).

Event costs relate to the Medieval Fair that took place in May 2023 and amount to £2,994, the full amount paid for by grants.

Internet costs fell (£1,333 in 2022 to £930 in 2023) due to a new contract being agreed. Miscellaneous costs rose (from £242 in 2022 to £562 in 2023) due to the costs to pay for a revaluation of heritage items and the purchase of a new hot water boiler.

Expenditure comprised a mixture of unrestricted funds (£84,686), restricted funds (£5,910), and expendable endowment funds (£182). Of the restricted funds, most came from restricted investment income or restricted donations (£2,145), with £2,994 on the Medieval Fair from a Diocesan Mission Fund grant. A £771 donation from the South Wales Borderers Association was made towards security in the Havard Chapel.

Office staffing and (administration) costs

The cost of office staffing and costs rose from £69,922 in 2022 to £86,195 in 2023, almost all due to additional salary costs. The Chapter Clerk was only paid for nine months in 2022 whereas a full year was paid in 2023 (still at a part-time rate of three days per week). A new role of Communications Officer was appointed at a cost of £1,529 in 2023 and a new role of Accounts Officer was also appointed in 2023 at a cost of £764. Both of these roles were only paid from 1 September 2023 when the appointments were made and will increase in 2024. In addition, all staff were awarded a salary increase from 1 January 2023, which followed the rate set for all Church in Wales employees.

Water rates rose as described above and this will provide a benchmark for future years. Gas costs rose from £5,000 in 2022, to £6,027 in 2023 due to more accurate billing. Electricity for non-clergy buildings fell since the costs of the Almonry were excluded in 2023.

The cost of Council Tax rose from £679 in 2022 to £783 in 2023 and equipment maintenance of £87 was expended in 2023 on an electrical item.

Hospitality decreased for 2023 at £1,519 (compared to £3,234 in 2022) owing to increased expenditure due to the backlog of Covid-19 invitations and the need to lobby for the People | Passion | Priory project. The latter was still needed in 2023 but at a reduced rate. Similarly, there was less need for flower deliveries in 2023.

Printing and publications increased markedly in 2023 (£1,372 in 2022 rose to £3,104 in 2023) due to a new arrangement of Diocesan pricing for using their photocopier. Advertising and PR rose in 2023 but at a marginal level, but postage and stationery showed a marked reduction (£1,495 in 2022 to £340 in 2023). Since this was a revised category in 2022, it is uncertain which is a more appropriate figure for projecting forward. The same is true of telephone and mobile costs, which also show a marked reduction (£1,003 in 2022 to £386 in 2023).

The car park management fee, audit fee, conference fees, and collections taken for others and passed over were all the same or commensurate with 2022. Staff welfare included the cost of a Christmas lunch for all staff. No expenditure was recorded on accountancy fees since the new position of Accounts Officer will cover the same function, although 2024 will see a new cost for administering the payroll by accountants WJ James of Brecon.

A new website was built in 2023 amounting to a cost of £2,699 and new computers and bought for the new staff positions amounting to £658. The costs associated with these items have been separately itemised in the SOFA since they will not reoccur. The cost of software for the new computers of £461 is not separately itemised as this relates to annually recurring subscriptions.

All expenditure comprised unrestricted funds except £53,000 grant from the Representative Body of the Church in Wales towards salary costs, recharges from the Diocese and clergy for gas and electricity of £2,867, a grant of £2,943 from the Diocesan Mission Fund to part-fund the cost of the new website and supervision of the build by the Communications Officer.

Convivium

The costs for Convivium in 2023 relate to hire of a retreat venue of £1,820 and miscellaneous expenses of £93 claimed by the organiser. This accounts for the only expenditure made by Convivium in 2023 and was from restricted grants.

Unspent sums brought forward from 2022 (£10,155) have been carried forward into 2023 with £1,913 being used during the year. The residual amount will be carried forward into 2024 when it is expected that Convivium will move location to St Mary's Church in Brecon and the sum transferred accordingly. This was previously anticipated for 2023.

People | Passion | Priory Project

Work continued on this project in 2023 with a total cost of £71,764. The costs can be divided as follows:

Expenditure	Cost (£)
Project Manager	28,006
Architect	0
Interpretation and Activity Planning	7,200
Fundraising Consultant	11,880
Evaluation	7,425
Mechanical and Engineering	2,400
Measured Survey	10,410
Display Boards	886
Monuments Survey	1,416
Role Advertising / Recruitment	1,347
Planning Fee	570
Miscellaneous Project Costs	225
Total	71,764

As detailed above, these costs were incurred in as part of the Development Phase of the People | Passion | Priory project following an award by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. A proportion of these costs will be reclaimed from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in 2024.

The project funds are maintained in a separate bank account and are internally categorised as designated funds, reserved for project expenditure only. A Chapter resolution governs their use. In 2023, all funds came from this account.

Brecon Heritage and Culture Network (trading as Brecon Story)

Income and expenditure relating to Brecon Heritage and Culture Network (trading as Brecon Story) has been categorised as Extraordinary Items in Note 7 since the project is entirely self-contained and funded by restricted grants. A full breakdown of expenditure is provided in Note 7. All expenditure (£15,924) comprised restricted funds from grants, donations, and membership fees (£11,010) and a release from restricted funds brought forward from 2022 (£4,914).

Unspent sums brought forward from 2023 have been carried forward into 2024 when it is anticipated they will be transferred to a new organisation, set up to take over the running of Brecon Story. This is deemed necessary as the Cathedral starts its conversion to a CIO.

3.1.2 Income

The sources of income can be divided among:

	2023	2022
Donations and Legacies		
• Public donations	£ 61,290	£ 61,855
• Grant funding	£ 113,097	£ 147,716
• Legacies	£ 2,582	£ 10,011
• Choir Trust and St Mary's recharge	£ 35,033	£ 27,117
• Sub-total	£ 212,002	£ 246,699
Charitable Activities	£ 5,461	£ 6,514
Other Trading Activities	£ 46,435	£ 27,262
Income from Investments	£ 11,317	£ 11,070
Total	£275,216	£ 296,117

The 2023 financial year reflects a modest fall in income compared to 2022. There are several reasons for this and these are detailed below.

Public Donations

Cash service collections fell in 2023 from £23,981 to £22,328 and this reflects a general trend away from cash giving to card giving. The Cathedral collection plates now include card readers, and these are popular. Indeed, the amount given by card reader (operated by Goodbox) rose from £6,139 in 2022 to £8,158 in 2023 more than making up for the drop in cash donations in service collections. Conversely, and against trend, the collection box received more cash in 2023, up from £8,134 in 2022 to £10,110 in 2023, showing that allowing visitors to give in various mediums is the best strategy. Giving by Direct Debit remained commensurate with 2022 (identified as Direct Giving). As the amounts given by Direct Debit and regular congregation members (via the envelope scheme) in 2023 remained fairly consistent with 2022, the Gift Aid recovered is also almost the same as for 2022. The maximum amount was claimed through the GASDS scheme, which does allow electronic giving amounts to be included.

Online giving through Just Giving was very low in 2023 compared to 2022 because of a fault with the Charity account, which has now been rectified. Give as You Live remained low, albeit a slight increase over 2022.

Donations fell from £4,995 in 2022 to £2,447 in 2023. Since these are one-off gifts, they are very difficult to predict, although, in readiness for the launch of the People | Passion | Priory project, there was no stewardship promotion in 2023 to encourage donations.

All giving and donations were unrestricted apart from £1,155 in restricted donations, which all related to fabric repairs on the Cathedral, except for £6, which was for flowers. All of these donations were spent in 2023.

Legacies

There were legacies of £2,582 given to the Charity in 2023, which was, as in all years previously, unexpected. A legacy programme will form part of the People | Passion | Priory project fundraising potentially allowing us to budget for these gifts.

All legacy income was restricted for work on the organ.

Grant Funding

Grant funding fell from £147,716 in 2022 to £113,097 in 2023, a decrease of £34,619. There were specific reasons for the drop from the grant for the Human One Arts Project being a one off in 2022 and not repeated in 2023, the grant for the quinquennial inspection being a one off in 2022 and not repeated in 2023 and the Benefact Trust grant being received at the start of 2024 and, being entirely expended in 2024, not accrued in the 2023 accounts. This accounts for £30,786 of the decrease.

The grant from the Diocesan Board of Finance was received for the last time in 2023 at the same amount for 2022 of £41,190. Grants were received from the Representative Body of the Church in Wales at £53,000 for salaries. The new funding arrangements for 2024 will see both of these grants disappear and replaced with new funding arrangements from the Representative Body.

Grants were received from the Diocesan Mission Fund of £2,943 for part-funding the new website and some staff costs in relation to its build, and £3,000 towards the Medieval Fair.

A grant of £771 towards the alarm systems in the Havard Chapel was received by the South Wales Borderers Association (who manage the Chapel with the Charity) and shows an inflationary increase to that received in 2022.

No Cathedral Friends' grant was forthcoming in 2023 but are expected in early 2024 and, being entirely expended in 2024, not accrued in the 2023 accounts.

Money was released in 2023 from grants made in previous years, which were brought forward as restricted funds. These comprise:

Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant	
for use on rental property for Assistant Organist	£10,105
Convivium Reserves	£ 1,913

Organ Scholarship
Total

£ 175
£12,194

In addition, £4,914 was released to the Brecon Heritage and Culture Network (trading as Brecon Story) as shown in Note 7 of the accounts.

All grants were restricted except for the grant from the Diocesan Board of Finance for £41,190.

Choir Trust and St Mary's Recharge

The Choir Trust made grants towards music salaries of £25,600 in 2023, which was the same amount granted in 2022.

As outlined above, the Choir Trust also contributed £10,105 towards the rent of the accommodation of the Assistant Organist, taken from a brought forward amount from 2022 with the original use widened with permission by the Choir Trust.

St Mary's contributed £4,100 towards the Assistant Organist in 2023. This sum included an element of arrears caused by the lack of an upwards adjustment to the reduced sum when Covid-19 restrictions ended and the Assistant Organist resumed working full hours.

All grants were restricted.

Charitable Activities

There was a fall in income from charitable activities of £6,514 in 2022 to £5,461 in 2023. Whereas funerals were commensurate with 2022, weddings fell by £1,095, accounting for the overall fall in revenue.

Candle sales were commensurate with 2022.

All fees received for charitable activities were unrestricted.

Other Trading Activities

Income from trading activities rose sharply from £27,262 in 2022 to £46,435 in 2023, providing an additional £19,173 in total. £8,171 of this was a one-off payment from British Gas as compensation for over charging in 2022 and a one-off refund of £1,026 for the Council Tax for Garth Cottage as it was empty throughout most of 2023.

Most of the remaining increase was accounted for by event income of £18,458 in 2023 as opposed to £9,497 in 2022. This included Brecon Jazz, the Brecon Choir Festival, Brecon Baroque, and event revenue received from the Charity's lunchtime concert series. The revenue is the best since Covid-19 restrictions and shows a return to a full programme through the year.

Car park revenue rose in 2023 to £12,762 (£10,650 in 2022) after a review of pricing, following a similar review of pricing in town centre car parks. The Cathedral car park still remains the cheapest car park in Brecon. Complaints have reduced and there have been none about the increase in charging.

VAT of £527 was reclaimed via the Listed Places of Worship Scheme for expenditure that occurred in 2023.

Member numbers of the 200 Club fell, resulting in a small fall in gross revenue.

Other income in this category was commensurate with 2022.

All income received through trading activities was unrestricted except for costs taken from the 200 Club revenue to cover prizes and fees of £874.

Investment Income

Trading conditions were still poor in 2023, albeit much improved from 2022. This resulted in investment income remaining commensurate with 2022 (£11,317 in 2023 and £11,070 in 2022). Most of this increase reflected higher interest rates throughout 2023; bank interest rose from £76 in 2022 to £1,432 in 2023. This increase must be tempered by the high inflation rates through 2023, however, which eroded the real term value of the rise.

Since £43,554 of investments were liquidated during the year and the 2022 figure being for five quarters and not four (as detailed in last year's Annual Report), income from investments (as opposed to bank interest) fell by £1,109 from £10,994 in 2022 to £9,885 in 2023. With more liquidation of investments planned for the People | Passion | Priory project in 2024, this reduction in investment income will continue.

There was some variability between funds held with the Diocesan Board of Finance and the Representative Body of the Church in Wales in 2021 when the latter outperformed the former in terms of income. This was reversed in 2022 and in 2023, reversed again, with the Diocesan Board of Finance funds showing a yield of 3.6 percent, and the Representative Body a return of 3 percent. The comparable returns in 2022 were 3.52 percent on funds held with the Diocesan Board of Finance and 2.05 percent on funds held by the Representative Body.

Investment income was divided among unrestricted (£5,688), restricted (£3,836), and expendable endowments (£361), all showing a decrease on 2022 figures. This is reflected in Note 27.3 of the Accounts. A table showing the conditions regarding restrictions pertaining to each investment fund is contained in Note 27.1 of the Accounts.

Conclusion

The Charity accounts showed an operating deficit of £57,401 in 2023, which continues the trend of deficits reaching back over many years (punctuated only by those years with Covid-19 support). Indeed, even in 2021, despite a surplus being recorded, it was noted in the relevant annual report that, without grants specific to Covid-19, the operating position would have otherwise been a gross deficit of £61,453.

The Charity carried forward £39,441 of deferred income, which, if able to be spent in 2023, would have resulted in an operating deficit of £17,960, which is significantly lower than the yearly average previously.

In addition to the operating deficit, there was further expenditure of £96,843 on, mostly, investment in the People | Passion | Priory project. Some of this will be reclaimed from the NLHF in 2024. The work to Garth Cottage has also been highlighted as exceptional since this was to bring the property into a saleable condition in 2023 pending revaluation and sale to the Representative Body in 2024.

Investment capital rose by a modest total of £11,395 during 2023, which reflected the volatility of the markets. Note 27.1 of the Accounts provides a full breakdown. A liquidation of £43,544 in 2023 meant that £2,024 of investment gain was realised, with £9,371 being unrealised.

The net reduction to Cathedral funds throughout 2023, including realised and unrealised investment gain, was £142,850. In terms of net funds, revaluation of tangible fixed assets and heritage assets led to a net increase in total funds (as detailed below).

Conditions in 2023 saw a return to a deficit account, an unwelcome trend that has lasted for many years. Expenditure rises annually and there is no more fat to be trimmed. Income benefitted from a return to more normal event revenue but it is unable to meet expenditure. There seems little way of overcoming these ruinous deficits without further support from the Church in Wales for Cathedrals and a scheme has been agreed in 2023 to offer more support from 2024. This will result in a net gain for the Charity of approximately £40,000. It will not be enough to counter the 2023 deficit entirely and the Charity will need to look to other means of raising revenue. This is the purpose of the People | Passion | Priory project. In the short term, it will require investment, but the long-term projections are for the Charity to move into surplus budgets.

3.2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The Charity revalued its tangible fixed assets in 2023, which increased by £236,000 in 2022 to £717,000 in 2023 (details provided in Note 14 of the accounts). These comprise Garth Cottage (£300,000), which is occupied by the Director of Music, St John's Centre (£175,000), which is under lease to Faith in Families, the car park (£220,000), which earns revenue for the Charity, Priory Field (£10,000), which earns a nominal rent for the Charity and is situated to the north-west of the Cathedral, Bishop Williamson's Garden (£10,000), which is open space to the south-east of the Cathedral, and a toilet block adjoining Bishop Williamson's Garden, which is under offer to Western Power for £2,000.

In 2022, the Charity took the decision to sell Garth Cottage and St John's Centre and revaluation of both took place ahead of the sale in 2024.

The valuation needs updating in 2028.

3.3 HERITAGE ASSETS

The Charity revalued its heritage assets in 2023, which increased by £69,900 to £164,000 in 2023 (details provided in Note 16 of the accounts). These comprise paintings, the finest being 'Peace', 1896, by William Strutt (1825 – 1915).

The sixteenth-century Spanish crucifix in the style of Spanish artist Alonso Cano (1601 – 1667), reputedly brought back by a serving soldier at the Battle of Vittoria in 1813 was previously included in the accounts at a value of £16,500. However, the Charity has been

advised by Bonhams Fine Art department that, under the Ivory Act 2018, it is now illegal to sell ivory with some exceptions. None of these exceptions apply to the Spanish Cross. Accordingly, it has no identifiable value and has been excluded from the list of Heritage Assets.

The valuation needs updating in 2028.

3.4 RESERVES

The Charity holds the following reserves:

	2023	2022
• Investment value	£292,000	£324,149
• Other (including net creditors)	<u>£ 69,839</u>	<u>£180,538</u>
	£361,839	£580,796

The figure for other reserves include £39,441 deferred income to be carried forward into 2024.

The Charity holds reserves against deficits sustained on operating income, unexpected and substantial repairs or maintenance, special projects, such as the amount committed to the People | Passion | Priory project, and to allow for match funding against grant applications.

Our reserves policy seeks to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to six months operating costs at all times (increased to nine months during Covid-19 uncertainty and now reduced to pre-Covid-19 levels). Moving into 2024, this equates to £166,309. The actual figure held is £112,216. The Charity, therefore, is falling short of the sum required by £54,093 and, if needed, this could only be obtained by liquidating more investments. This situation is referenced in the Risk Register extract below under 'Reserves Policies' where such diminution is anticipated as a result of funding the People | Passion | Priory project.

Of the reserves not held as cash or in current accounts, and not accounted for by net creditors, the following applies:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowed
Funds Held at the Diocesan Trust	£ 79,397	£103,765	£ 5,047
Funds Held by the Representative Body	<u>£ 89,464</u>	<u>£ 6,567</u>	<u>£ 7,759</u>
	£168,861	£110,765	£ 12,806

The policy behind investment strategy is governed by the Diocesan Trust and Representative Body to accord with protocols set by the Church in Wales. The Charity are satisfied that these protocols are adhered to by the respective bodies and match those decisions that would have otherwise been taken independently by the Charity.

3.5 UNCERTAINTIES

In 2023 a Risk Register was developed for the Charity to be adopted in 2024. Those risks deemed to be in the highest category (after mitigation) are:

Risk Category	Consequences	Mitigation and/or controls in place	Action Identified
Health, safety and environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff injury • product or service liability • ability to operate (see Compliance risks) • injury to beneficiaries and the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comply with law and regulation • train staff and compliance officer • put in place monitoring and reporting procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor and keep policies and reporting up-to-date • offer training where necessary
Being unable to properly maintain Cathedral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • poor quality/unsafe buildings for worship • increased closure of areas • public perception of decline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to grant funding • continual monitoring of condition • regular quinquennial reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance Plan in place • Quinquennial inspections in place • application to NLHF for most urgent repairs
Grounds closure whilst roofs repaired (as part of the People Passion Priory project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disruption to events • lack of income • reputational damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work schedule to be planned • work phased to minimise disruption • clause in contractor's contract • events rescheduled or location moved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carry out all mitigation • application to NLHF for most urgent repairs • some closure inevitable
Reserves policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of funds or liquidity to respond to new needs or requirements • inability to meet commitments or planned objectives • reputational risks if policy cannot be justified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • link reserves policy to business plans, activities and identified financial and operating risk • regularly review reserves policy and reserve levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor and keep financial policies reviewed and up-to-date • will show diminution to match fund NLHF grant
Cash flow sensitivities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inability to meet commitments • lack of liquidity to cover variance in costs • impact on operational activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure adequate cash flow projections (prudence of assumptions) • identify major sensitivities • ensure adequate information flow from operational managers • monitor arrangements and reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor and keep financial policies reviewed and up-to-date • regular meetings with Finance Officer • forecast and plan

Counter party risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial loss • disruption to activities or operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research counter party's financial sustainability • contractual agreement • consider staged payments • agree performance measures • monitor and review investments • establish monitoring and review arrangements where counter party is the charity's agent ('conduit funding' arrangements) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor and keep financial policies reviewed and up-to-date • due diligence on counter party
Falling numbers of congregations leading to a downward spiral in attendance and/or giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inability to maintain programme of ministry • the inability of the Cathedral to meet its financial commitments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • annual review of Cathedral finances through annual return process • Cathedral stewardship campaign • enhance reputation for music etc • better advertising of services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proposal for recruitment • Minor Canon has just been recruited with remit to grow congregation
Reliance on or loss of key members of staff or key volunteers impacting upon financial sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in times of extended absence work not covered with appropriate skill level or experience • risk of financial loss if appropriate safeguards not in place • vacuum in knowledge regarding certain areas of work • loss of key information to the organisation • reputational risk due to non-compliance or inaction of unknown tasks • particularly sensitive at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • most activities are documented in procedures manual • where possible, cover to be arranged for holidays /sickness • split volunteers and staff accordingly • timely recruitment • planned exit strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • volunteer recruitment programme • look at medical insurance for staff • regular review and update of procedures manual

Cathedral due to
small number of staff

**Overrun of
expenditure against
budget**

- financial loss and income deficit

- review of expenditure to budget costs quarterly
- budget allocated and spend authorised by appointed person

- unbudgeted expenditure process in place to monitor unplanned expenses

**Inflationary
pressures**

- costs increase ahead of income
- financial loss and income deficit
- will erode value of grant funding

- review market performance as benchmark
- allow contingencies in budgets

- keep under review but inflation is currently falling

**Fall in property
prices**

- impact on property held by the Cathedral

- monitored awareness of market trends
- determination of best value in any decisions that may result in disposal, including consideration of any rental options, should market prices dictate this as an option

- monitor property market with local agents
- regular valuations
- carry on with sale of Garth Cottage and St John Centre to reduce risk

Public perception

- impact on voluntary income
- impact on use of services by beneficiaries
- ability to access grants or contract funding

- communicate with supporters and beneficiaries
- keep website well populated and up-to-date
- ensure good quality reporting of the Cathedral's activities and financial situation
- implement public relations

- keep under review
- website regularly updated
- old information removed
- Community Engagement Officer recently appointed
- Communications Officer recently appointed

Government policy

- availability of contract and grant funding
- impact of tax

- training/procedures
- monitor proposed legal and regulatory changes
- consider membership of

- read all charity law update bulletins
- keep up-to-date with developments in charity market

regime on voluntary giving	appropriate umbrella bodies	• Chapter Treasurer is a member of ACAT
• withdrawal of Listed Places of Worship VAT scheme		
• impact of general legislation or regulation on activities undertaken		
• role of voluntary sector		

These risks will be monitored by the Charity trustees throughout the year.

4. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

4.1 Structure

The Charity is constituted by the Welsh Church Act 1914 and The Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act 1991 and the Constitution and Regulations of the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist Brecon adopted on 27 May 2020 as amended on 22 September 2022.

4.2 Governance

In 2023, the Charity was governed by the Constitution of the Church in Wales and by the Constitution and Regulations of the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist Brecon, adopted in May 2020 as amended on 22 September 2022.

4.3 Trustees

According to Constitution and Regulations of the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist Brecon, the Charity Trustees comprise:

1. The Dean.
2. The Residentiary Canon and / or any other Canon appointed to such office.
3. The Archdeacons holding office in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon.
4. Additional Clerics appointed by the Dean after consultation with the Bishop.
5. The Dean may, after consultation with the Bishop and persons as appropriate, appoint lay members of Chapter.

Appointment of Trustees is made via by the Dean after consultation with the Bishop under a policy of providing a broad range geographical location, skillsets, and experience. The Dean is conscious of the gender and minority imbalance that occurs on Chapter (as all individuals holding positions appointed under 1. to 4. are white males) and is working for this to be corrected.

5. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

5.1. Registered name: The Dean and Chapter of Brecon Cathedral

- 5.2. Charity registration number: 1160017
- 5.3. Jurisdiction: England and Wales
- 5.4. Principal office of the Charity: Cathedral Office, Cathedral Close, Brecon, LD3 9DP
- 5.5. Registered office: Cathedral Office, Cathedral Close, Brecon, LD3 9DP
- 5.6. Administrator: Ms Karen Schiebe
- 5.7. Accountants: Dr Mike Williams, Chapter Treasurer
Accounts examined by Mr Brian Turner FCCA
- 5.8. Solicitors: Legal services provided by the Church in Wales
- 5.9. Charity Secretary: Dr Mike Williams, Chapter Clerk
- 5.10 Changes to Trustees/Canons: None

6. EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCLOSURE

The Charity has not relied on any exemptions from disclosure.

7. FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

The Charity does not hold funds as custodian on behalf of others.

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 24 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by the Chair of Trustees, The Very Reverend Dean Paul Shackerley.

Signed by  (Trustee)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DEAN AND CHAPTER OF BRECON CATHEDRAL

Registered Charity 1160017

I report to the trustees (the Dean and Chapter) on my examination of the accounts of Brecon Cathedral for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes 1 - 28)

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



BRIAN R TURNER FCCA
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23 October 2024

The Dean and Chapter of Brecon Cathedral
Annual Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

From: 01-Jan-23
To: 31-Dec-23

SECTION A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		2023				2022
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Income and Endowments From:	3					
Donations and Legacies		101,325	110,677	0	212,002	246,699
Charitable Activities		5,461	0	0	5,461	6,514
Other Trading Activities		42,345	4,090	0	46,435	27,262
Investments		7,119	3,836	361	11,317	11,070
Adjustment from Previous Year Shown as Income		0	0	0	0	4,571
Total Income		156,250	118,604	361	275,216	296,117
Operating Expenditure on:	6					
Raising Funds		761	874	0	1,635	1,629
Charitable Activities		219,470	111,151	361	330,981	320,918
Previous Year Adjustment		0	0	0	0	-4,571
Total Expenditure	2	220,231	112,025	361	332,617	317,975
Net income/expenditure on Operating Figures		-63,981	6,579	0	-57,401	-35,505
Exceptional Expenditure on:						
Garth Cottage		17,138	2,671	0	19,809	0
New Website Build		703	1,995	0	2,699	0
Computers for New Staff		658	0	0	658	0
Convivium		0	1,913	0	1,913	0
NLHF Project Costs		71,764	0	0	71,764	13,646
Total Expenditure	2	90,264	6,580	0	96,843	13,646
Net Total Exceptional Expenditure		-90,264	-6,580	0	-96,843	-13,646
Gains/Losses on Investments	27.1					
Realised Gains/Losses on Investments		2,024	0	0	2,024	0
Unrealised Gains/Losses on Investments		4,920	3,870	581	9,371	-40,604
Total Gains/Losses on Investments		6,944	3,870	581	11,395	-40,604
Net income/expenditure after investment gains/losses		-147,300	3,870	581	-142,850	-76,109
Extraordinary Items	7	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	27.3	0	0	0	0	0
Gains/Losses on Revaluation	14/16	305,900	0	0	305,900	0
Other Gains/Losses		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		158,600	3,870	581	163,050	-76,109
Total Funds Brought Forward		961,500	106,462	12,225	1,080,187	1,156,296
Total Funds Carried Forward		1,120,100	110,332	12,806	1,243,237	1,080,187

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

SECTION B
BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Endowment Funds	Total Funds	2022 Prior Year Funds
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Assets	14	717,000	0	0	717,000	481,000
Heritage Assets	16	164,400	0	0	164,400	94,500
Investments	27.1	168,861	110,332	12,806	292,000	324,149
Total Fixed Assets		1,050,261	110,332	12,806	1,173,400	899,649
Current Assets						
Debtors	19	6,825	0	0	6,825	12,719
Cash at Bank and in Hand	24	105,391	38,126	0	143,517	212,881
Total Current Assets		112,216	38,126	0	150,342	225,600
Less Current Liabilities						
Creditors (Amounts falling due in one year)	20	38,473	0	0	38,473	635
Provisions for Liabilities		0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Income	20	1,315	38,126	0	39,441	42,224
PAYE Control	20	2,589	0	0	2,589	2,203
Total Current Liabilities		42,377	38,126	0	80,503	45,062
Total Assets Less Total Liabilities		1,120,100	110,332	12,806	1,243,237	1,080,187
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted Funds						
Funds available	27.3	234,924	0	0	234,924	381,220
Funds in property or heritage assets	14/16	881,400	0	0	881,400	575,500
Designated funds (for NLHF project)	24	2,460	0	0	2,460	1,608
Designated funds (for Choir Scholarship)	24	1,315	0	0	1,315	3,172
Restricted Funds	27.3	0	110,332	0	110,332	106,462
Endowment Funds	27.3	0	0	12,806	12,806	12,225
Total Funds of the Charity		1,120,100	110,332	12,806	1,243,237	1,080,187
Represented by:						
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund balance as at 1 January 2023	27.3	187,376	0	0	187,376	222,881
Transferred from Investment Fund	27.3	43,544	0	0	43,544	0
Net movement in fund		-154,244	0	0	-154,244	-35,505
Total		76,676	0	0	76,676	187,376
Investment Fund balance as at 1 January 2023	27.3	198,623	0	0	198,623	224,102
Transferred to General Fund	27.3	-43,544	0	0	-43,544	0
Net movement in fund		6,944	0	0	6,944	-25,478
Total		162,023	0	0	162,023	198,623
Property and Heritage Asset Fund balance as at 1 January 2023	14/16	575,500	0	0	575,500	575,500
Net movement in fund	14/16	305,900	0	0	305,900	0
Total		881,400	0	0	881,400	575,500
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,120,099	0	0	1,120,099	961,499
Restricted Funds						
Investment Fund balance as at 1 January 2023	27.3	0	106,406	0	106,406	106,406
Transferred to General Fund	27.3	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in fund		0	3,868	0	3,868	0
Total		0	110,274	0	110,274	106,406
Appeal Fund balance as at 1 January 2023	27.3	0	56	0	56	56
Net movement in fund	27.3	0	2	0	2	0
Total		0	58	0	58	56
Total Restricted Funds		0	110,332	0	110,332	106,462

Expendable Endowment Funds

Investment Fund balance as at 1 January 2023	27.3	0	0	12,225	12,225	12,225
Net movement in fund		0	0	581	581	0
Total		0	0	12,806	12,806	12,225
Total Expendable Endowment Funds		0	0	12,806	12,806	12,225
Total Funds	27.3	1,120,100	110,332	12,806	1,243,237	1,080,187

Signed by  (Trustee)

The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 24 September 2024 and submitted for Independent Examination, with approval given on 23 October 2024, and signed on their behalf by Chair of Trustees, The Very Reverend Dean Paul Shackerley.

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION**Charity Information**

The Dean and Chapter of Brecon Cathedral is a charity registered with the Charities Commission, constituted by The Welsh Church Act 1914 and The Welsh Church (Temporalities) Act 1991 and The Constitution and Regulations of the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist Brecon adopted on 27 May 2021 as amended on 22 September 2022.

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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)" (Second edition, October 2019). The charity

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

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going Concern

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

1.3 Change to Accounting Policy

No changes to accounting policy have occurred in the reporting period.

1.4 Changes to Accounting Estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

In the application of the charity'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

1.5 Material Prior Year Errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

SECTION C

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 2: ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.2 Income

Recognition of Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and Donations

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity 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

Legacies

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity 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.

Government Grants

The charity has received no government grants in the reporting period.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met.

Donated Goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. There were none in the accounting period.

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. There were none in the accounting period.

Support Costs

The charity has not incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from Interest, Royalties and Dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Settlement of Insurance Claims

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

Investment Gains and Losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

2.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Grants Payable (with performance conditions)

The charity made no grants with performance conditions during the reporting period.

Grants Payable (without performance conditions)

Liability for the full funding obligation is recognised.

Redundancy Costs

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Deferred Income

Deferred income has been included in the Balance Sheet where grants have been received for expenditure in future years or restricted funds have not been expended in the current year.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Provisions for Liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Basic Financial Instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

Derecognition of Financial Liabilities

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

2.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year. As all tangible assets are held as land and buildings, a policy of revaluation is adopted.

Intangible fixed assets

There were no intangible fixed assets identified in the recording period.

Heritage assets

The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. A policy of revaluation is adopted.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Stocks and work in progress

None were held or identified in the recording period.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Current Asset Investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due. They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

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.

Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

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

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used and that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

SECTION C

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 3: ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Donations and Legacies					
Service Collections	22,328	0	0	22,328	23,981
Direct Giving	12,914	0	0	12,914	12,553
Collection Boxes	10,110	0	0	10,110	8,134
Tax Reclaimed - Gift Aid	3,297	0	0	3,297	3,367
Tax Reclaim - GASDS	2,000	0	0	2,000	2,000
GoodBox Donations	8,158	0	0	8,158	6,139
Just Giving	4	0	0	4	668
Give as you Live Online Giving	32	0	0	32	19
Donations	1,292	1,155	0	2,447	4,995
Legacies	0	2,582	0	2,582	10,011
Organ Scholarship Fund Released from 2022	0	175	0	175	275
Friends' Grant	0	0	0	0	0
DBF Grant	41,190	0	0	41,190	41,190
CiW Administrative Grant for Salaries	0	53,000	0	53,000	53,000
CiW Administrative Grant for Salaries Released from 2021	0	0	0	0	1,159
CiW Grant for Quinquennial Inspection	0	0	0	0	4,920
Diocesan Mission Fund Grant (Outreach)	0	2,943	0	2,943	0
Diocesan Mission Fund Grant (Medieval Fair)	0	3,000	0	3,000	0
Human One Creative Arts Project Grant	0	0	0	0	14,835
National Lottery Heritage Grant Released from 2021	0	0	0	0	2,545
Benefact Trust (previously All Churches Trust) Grant	0	0	0	0	11,031
Convivium Grants	0	0	0	0	4,310
Convivium Private Grant / Donations	0	0	0	0	2,000
Convivium Fund Released from 2022	0	1,913	0	1,913	0
SWB Grant (for Havard Chapel Security)	0	771	0	771	719
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant (Director of Music)	0	18,200	0	18,200	18,200
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant (Assistant Organist)	0	7,400	0	7,400	7,400
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant (Sub Organist)	0	5,333	0	5,333	0
Choir Fund Grant: Organ	0	0	0	0	375
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant Released from 2022 for use on rental property for Assistant Organist	0	10,105	0	10,105	5,488
St Mary's Recharge: Salary (Assistant Organist)	0	4,100	0	4,100	1,517
Organ Repair Fund Released from 2021	0	0	0	0	5,870
Collections for Others	0	0	0	0	0
Total	101,325	110,677	0	212,002	246,699
Charitable Activities					
Marriage & Banns Fees	1,040	0	0	1,040	2,135
Funeral & Memorial Fees	1,400	0	0	1,400	1,359
Candle Sales	3,021	0	0	3,021	3,020
Total	5,461	0	0	5,461	6,514
Other Trading Activities					
Rent Received	513	0	0	513	513
Events	18,458	0	0	18,458	9,497
Wine Sales	104	0	0	104	281
Car Park Income Received	12,762	0	0	12,762	10,650
VAT Reclaimed (Listed Places of Worship)	527	0	0	527	1,115
200 Club	784	874	0	1,658	1,898
Gas Refund from British Gas	8,171	0	0	8,171	0
Gas Recharge (DBF and Clergy)	0	2,390	0	2,390	2,143
Electricity Recharge (DBF and Clergy)	0	477	0	477	691
Electricity Recharge (Tithebarn)	0	349	0	349	439
Garth Cottage Council Tax Refund	1,026	0	0	1,026	35
Total	42,345	4,090	0	46,435	27,262
Income from Investments					
Bank Interest	1,432	0	0	1,432	76

DBF Investment Income	3,588	3,682	179	7,450	8,462
RB Investment Income	2,099	154	182	2,435	2,532
Total	7,119	3,836	361	11,317	11,070
Total Income	156,250	118,604	361	275,216	296,117

All income in the prior year (2022) was unrestricted except for:

	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
Donations	1,292	0	1,292
Organ Scholarship Released from 2021	275	0	275
CiW Administrative Grant for Salaries	53,000	0	53,000
CiW Administrative Grant for Salaries Released from 2021	1,159	0	1,159
CiW Grant for Quinquennial Inspection	4,920	0	4,920
Human One Creative Arts Project Grant	14,835	0	14,835
National Lottery Heritage Grant Released from 2021	2,545	0	2,545
Benefact Trust (previously All Churches Trust) Grant	11,031	0	11,031
Convivium Grants	4,310	0	4,310
Convivium Private Grant / Donations	2,000	0	2,000
SWB Grant (for Havard Chapel Security)	719	0	719
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant (Director of Music)	18,200	0	18,200
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant (Assistant Organist)	7,400	0	7,400
Choir Fund Grant: Organ	375	0	375
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant Released from 2021 for	5,488	0	5,488
St Mary's Recharge: Salary (Assistant Organist)	1,517	0	1,517
Organ Repair Fund Released from 2021	5,870	0	5,870
200 Club	927	0	927
DBF Investment Income	3,756	183	3,939
RB Investment Income	160	189	349
Total	139,778	372	140,150

SECTION C

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 6: ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

		2023			Total Funds	2022 Prior Year Funds
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
Raising Funds						
	200 Club Admin and Prizes	20	874	0	894	927
	Contactless Donation Unit Operating Fees	648	0	0	648	702
	Weekly Collection Envelopes	93	0	0	93	702
Total		761	874	0	1,635	1,629
Charitable Activities						
Ministry Share:	Ministry Share (2023)	71,809	0	0	71,809	62,397
Ministry:	Gross Wages (Vergers)	3,681	0	0	3,681	3,456
	Altar Requisites	0	518	179	698	1,761
	Flowers	917	6	0	922	81
	Votive Candles	1,091	0	0	1,091	0
	Lay Chapter Member Gowns	0	0	0	0	268
	Miscellaneous Ministry	1,678	0	0	1,678	679
Music:	Organ & Piano Tuning & Repairs	337	2,582	0	2,919	6,272
	Gross Wages (Director of Music)	13,779	18,200	0	31,979	30,277
	Gross Wages (Assistant Organist)	1,824	11,500	0	13,324	12,259
	Gross Wages (Sub Organist)	314	5,333	0	5,647	0
	Organ Scholarship Honorarium	0	175	0	175	275
	Chorister Recruitment	0	0	0	0	1,372
	Garth Cottage	17,138	2,671	0	19,809	0
	Property Costs (Assistant Organist)	0	10,105	0	10,105	5,488
	Music Events	4,964	6	0	4,971	905
	Hospitality	986	0	0	986	247
	Staff Welfare	384	0	0	384	300
	Licenses	1,420	0	0	1,420	650
	Insurance	0	0	0	0	373
	Resources and subscriptions	349	0	0	349	0
	Miscellaneous Music	5,228	0	0	5,228	501
Cathedral Costs:	Water Rates (Cathedral)	117	0	0	117	1,065
	Electricity (including floodlights)	8,488	349	0	8,838	6,018
	Gas	21,859	0	0	21,859	37,501
	Electrical Testing	1,234	0	0	1,234	0
	Internet	930	0	0	930	1,333
	Insurance (Cathedral)	15,495	567	0	16,063	16,213
	Insurance (Tithebarn)	2,357	0	0	2,357	2,357
	Security	0	203	0	203	1,608
	Building Maintenance	167	1,140	0	1,307	1,474
	Equipment Maintenance and Hire	3,850	590	182	4,622	4,232
	Stannah Stairlift Maintenance and Repair	992	0	0	992	0
	Grounds Maintenance	1,307	66	0	1,373	1,401
	Leaf Vacuum	0	0	0	0	599
	Gross Wages (Facilities)	16,441	0	0	16,441	14,048
	Gross Wages (Facilities Assistant)	1,918	0	0	1,918	0
	Cleaning	779	0	0	779	768
	Gross Wages (Cleaning)	8,190	0	0	8,190	6,630
	Quinquennial Inspection	0	0	0	0	4,920
	Human One Creative Arts Project	0	0	0	0	14,835
	Event Costs	0	2,994	0	2,994	0
	Miscellaneous Maintenance	562	0	0	562	242
Administration:	Council Tax	783	0	0	783	679
	Water Rates (Clergy Properties)	1,777	0	0	1,777	961
	Water Rates (Office)	426	0	0	426	0
	Gas for non-Cathedral Buildings	3,637	2,390	0	6,027	5,000
	Electricity for non-Cathedral buildings	158	477	0	636	1,736
	Equipment Hire	0	0	0	0	0
	Equipment Maintenance	87	0	0	87	0
	Hospitality	1,519	0	0	1,519	3,234
	Flower Orders	0	0	0	0	615
	Advertising & PR	732	0	0	732	571
	Printing & Publications	3,104	0	0	3,104	1,372
	Postage and Stationery	340	0	0	340	1,495
	Telephone and Mobiles	386	0	0	386	1,003

	New Website Build	703	1,995	0	2,699	0
	Internet and Website Fees	2,547	0	0	2,547	1,372
	Computer Software	461	0	0	461	0
	Computers for New Staff	658	0	0	658	0
	Gross Wages (Chapter Clerk)	0	39,486	0	39,486	27,826
	Gross Wages (Administrator)	6,556	13,514	0	20,070	18,882
	Gross Wages (Communications Officer)	581	948	0	1,529	0
	Gross Wages (Accounts)	764	0	0	764	0
	Legal & Professional Fees	0	0	0	0	670
	Car Park Management Fee	900	0	0	900	840
	Accountancy Fees	0	0	0	0	2,640
	Audit Fee	500	0	0	500	500
	Conference Fees	117	0	0	117	93
	Collections Passed Over / Donations	340	0	0	340	396
	Staff Welfare	308	0	0	308	0
	Miscellaneous Administration	0	0	0	0	38
Convivium:	Catering costs	0	0	0	0	2,655
	Llangasty Retreat	0	1,820	0	1,820	0
	Miscellaneous costs	0	93	0	93	0
NLHF Project:	Project Manager	28,006	0	0	28,006	13,454
	Architect	0	0	0	0	1,884
	Interpretation and Activity Planning	7,200	0	0	7,200	0
	Fundraising Consultant	11,880	0	0	11,880	0
	Evaluation	7,425	0	0	7,425	0
	Mechanical and Engineering	2,400	0	0	2,400	0
	Measured Survey	10,410	0	0	10,410	0
	Display Boards	886	0	0	886	0
	Monuments Survey	1,416	0	0	1,416	0
	Role Advertising / Recruitment	1,347	0	0	1,347	0
	Planning Fee	570	0	0	570	0
	Miscellaneous Project Costs	225	0	0	225	192
	Convivium Donations	0	0	0	0	3,655
Total		309,733	117,730	361	427,825	334,564
Total Expenditure		310,495	118,604	361	429,460	336,193

SECTION C**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****NOTE 7: EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS****Item 1. Arwain Project****ANALYSIS OF INCOME**

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Donations and Legacies					
Transferred from Brecon Heritage and Cultural Network	0	0	0	0	36
Arwain Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Income Released from 201	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	36
Total Income	0	0	0	0	36

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Project Delivery	0	0	0	0	0
Recruitment	0	0	0	0	0
Office Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Computers	0	0	0	0	0
Telephones	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Telephones	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitality	0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Wages	0	0	0	0	0
Legal & Professional Fees	0	0	0	0	36
Translation Fee	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Brecon Heritage and Culture Network	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	36
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	0	36
Net income/expenditure	0	0	0	0	-36

Item 2. Brecon Heritage and Culture Network (trading as Brecon Story)

ANALYSIS OF INCOME

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Donations and Legacies					
Grants	0	9,224	0	0	10,890
Donations	0	550	0	0	300
Membership Income	0	1,197	0	0	2,625
Bank Interest	0	39	0	0	0
Brought Forward from 2022	0	4,914	0	0	6,475
Total	0	15,924	0	0	20,290
Total Income	0	15,924	0	0	20,290

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2,022				2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year Funds
Project Delivery	0	11,936	0	0	4,089
Gross Wages	0	3,988	0	0	8,338
Transfer to Arwain Project	0	0	0	0	36
Carried Forward to 2022	0	0	0	0	1,787
Total	0	15,924	0	0	14,250
Total Expenditure	0	15,924	0	0	14,250
Net income/expenditure	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE 6: FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

	2023	2022
Independent examiner's fees	500	500
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	0	0
Tax advisory fees	0	0
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services)	0	0
Total	500	500

SECTION C**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****NOTE 11: PAID EMPLOYEES****11.1 Staff Costs**

	2023	2022
Salaries and wages	129,524	102,666
Social security costs	9,696	6,929
NEST Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	2,467	2,916
AVIVA Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,342	867
Total staff costs	143,029	113,377

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

11.2 Average Head Count in the Year

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Fundraising	0	0
Charitable		
Activities	7	5
Governance	0	0
Other	3	2
Total	10	7

11.3 Ex-Gratia Payments to Employees and Others (Excluding Trustees)

No ex-gratia payments were made to employees in the accounting period.

11.4 Redundancy Payments

No redundancy payments were made in the accounting period.

Redundancy benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide redundancy benefits.

NOTE 12: DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION SCHEME

12.1 Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

Amount of contributions recognised in the SoFA as an expense

	2023	2022
NEST (AE) Pension Scheme	2,467	2,916
One employee has an AVIVA Pension Scheme:		
Aviva Pension Scheme	1,342	867
Total	3,809	3,782

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NOTE 14: TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

14.1 Cost or Valuation

The proceeds of any sale would become unrestricted funds.

	Garth Cottage	St John's Centre	Car Park	Priory Field	Bishop Williamson's Garden	Toilets	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£				£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	235,000	64,000	160,000	10,000	10,000	2,000	0	481,000
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluations	65,000	111,000	60,000	0	0	0	0	236,000
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
At Year End	300,000	175,000	220,000	10,000	10,000	2,000	0	717,000

14.5 Revaluation

The effective date of the revaluation

The name of independent valuer, if applicable

The methods applied and significant assumptions for property valuation

The methods applied and significant assumptions for land valuation
The carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.

Garth Cottage and St John's Centre valued at 4 March 2024 (current at 31 December 2023). The other valuations have been calculated in-house at 31 December 2023.

Mr David James FRICS, James Dean, Brecon. The other valuations carried out by Cathedral Treasurer.

Follows RICS UKGN7 "Valuations for Charities". Garth Cottage is valued with vacant possession, St John's Centre is valued subject to lease.

Car park based on 2023 income figures at a discount rate of 5 percent per annum in perpetuity. Other land assigned nominal

N/A

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NOTE 16: HERITAGE ASSETS

16.1 General Disclosures for all charities holding heritage assets

(i) Explain the nature and scale of heritage assets held

Art comprises pictures decorating the Cathedral building. The Spanish Cross is used in services, otherwise is on occasional display but see note on revaluation below.

(ii) Explain the policy for the acquisition, preservation, management, and disposal of heritage assets

Heritage assets are items owned by the charity, mostly resulting from historical donations. They are not considered investments. The proceeds of any sale would be unrestricted funds.

16.2 Cost or Valuation

	Art	Spanish Cross	Total
	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	78,000	16,500	94,500
Additions	0	0	0
Revaluations	86,400	-16,500	69,900
Disposals	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0
At Year End	164,400	0	164,400

16.6 Revaluation

The effective date of the revaluation:

The name of independent valuer, if applicable:

Qualifications of Independent Valuer:

The methods applied and significant assumptions:

Any significant limitations on the valuation:

3 November 2023

Emma Sykes, Bonhams, Bath

Regional Manager and South West Picture Specialist

Insurance valuation

The Spanish Cross was identified by Bonhams Fine Art Department as being of ivory construction. Under the Ivory Act 2018, it is now illegal to sell ivory with some exceptions. None of these exceptions apply to the Spanish Cross. Accordingly, it has no identifiable value and has been excluded from the list of Heritage Assets. The valuation needs updating in 2028.

Qualifications of Independent Valuer:

Regional Manager and South West Picture Specialist

SECTION C**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****NOTE 19: DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS**

19.1 Analysis of Debtors

	2023	2022
Trade Debtors	4,518	6,286
Prepayments and Accrued Income	2,306.59	6,433
Other Debtors	0	0
Total	6,824.93	12,719

19.2. Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

	2023	2022
Trade Debtors	0	0
Prepayments and Accrued Income	0	0
Other Debtors	0	0
Total	0	0

SECTION C**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****NOTE 20: CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS****20.1 Analysis of Creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	0	0	0	0
Bank loans and overdrafts	0	0	0	0
Trade creditors	135	135	0	0
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	0	0	0	0
Accruals	38,338	500	0	0
Taxation and social security	0	0	0	0
Other creditors	0	0	0	0
Total	38,473	635	0	0
PAYE Control	2,589	2,203	0	0

20.2 Deferred Income

Donations were received in 2023 relating to a Benefact Trust grant and a Diocessan Mission Fund grant. None of the former and only part of the latter were expended in 2023 and the residual sum will be carried forward to

Movement in deferred income account

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	42,224	60,380
Amounts added in current period	14,325	3,655
Amounts released to income from previous periods	17,108	21,811
Balance at the end of the reporting period*	39,441	42,224

Comprising:*Amounts added in current period**

Convivium Donations	0	3,655
Benefact Trust Grant	9,652	0
Diocesan Mission Fund Grant (Outreach)	4,673	0
Sub-Total	14,325	3,655

Amounts used in current period

CiW Administrative Grant for Salaries Released from 2021	0	1,159
National Lottery Heritage Grant Released from 2021	0	2,545
Organ Repair Fund Released from 2021	0	5,870
Organ Scholarship Fund Released from 2022	175	275
Brecon Heritage and Culture Network (trading as Brecon Story)	4,914	6,475
Convivium	1,913	0
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Grant Released from 2022 for use on rental property for Assistant Organist	10,105	5,488
Sub-Total	17,108	21,811

Amounts Brought Forward from previous period

Organ Repair Fund	2,945	2,945
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Convivium	10,155	6,500
Brecon Heritage and Culture Network	5,782	5,782
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Recharge	21,851	21,851
Organ Scholarship	1,490	1,490
Sub-Total	42,223	38,569
Balance at the end of the reporting period	39,441	42,224

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NOTE 24: CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

		2023		2022	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
		£	£	£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)		0	0	0	0
Short term deposits		0	0	0	0
Cash at Bank and On Hand	Lloyds Current Account	8,669	0	60,832	0
	Lloyds Bus Bank Instant*	91,193	38,126	100,044	42,224
	Appeal Account	2,460	0	1,608	0
	Churchyard Account	740	0	734	0
	Arwain/Brecon Heritage and Cultural Network	2,257	0	7,031	0
	Petty Cash	72	0	408	0
Other		0	0	0	0
Total		105,391	38,126	170,657	42,224
Annual Total		143,517		212,881	

* Of which, £1,315.00 of unrestricted funds comprises designated funds for:

The Organ Scholarship Fund	1,315	1,491
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* Of which, £38,126.15 of restricted funds comprises restricted funds for:

Benefact Trust Grant	9,652	0
Diocesan Mission Fund Grant (Outreach)	4,673	0
Organ Repair Fund	2,945	2,945
Convivium	8,242	10,155
Brecon Heritage and Culture Network	868	5,782
Choir Fund Grant: Salary Recharge	11,746	21,851
	38,126	40,733
Total	39,441	42,224

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NOTE 27 CHARITY INVESTMENTS

27.1 Details of Material Funds Held and Movements during the Current Reporting Period (2023)

File Number	Title	Investment Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Investment Balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted Investments							
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust							
M66	Enoch Miles Legacy	112,630	3,291	-3,291	-43,544	1,933	71,019
M81	Sale of 25 High Street (Ethel Gane Legacy)	8,094	297	-297	0	284	8,378
Totals		120,724	3,588	-3,588	-43,544	2,217	79,397
Funds Held at RBCW							
3088	Sales of Land	84,737	2,099	-2,099	0	4,727	89,464
Totals		84,737	2,099	-2,099	0	4,727	89,464
Unrestricted Investment Values		205,461	5,688	-5,688	-43,544	6,944	168,861
Restricted Investments							
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust							
M13	Elizabeth Williams Benefaction	1,800	66	-66	0	64	1,864
M16	Bishop Bevan Trust Fund	14,137	519	-519	0	496	14,633
M18	Bishop Bevan Fabric Fund	45,214	1,661	-1,661	0	1,588	46,802
M41	Bishop Williamson Bequest	18,491	679	-679	0	650	19,141
M54	Miss MC Bowen Fabric Trust	9,009	331	-331	0	317	9,326
M67	Margaret Greaves Smith Legacy	11,591	426	-426	0	408	11,999
Totals		100,242	3,682.22	-3,682	0	3,523	103,765
Funds Held at RBCW							
3974	J Crichton Parry de Winton Bequest	6,220	154	-154	0	347	6,567
Totals		6,220	154	-154	0	347	6,567
Restricted Investment Values		106,462	3,836.29	-3,836	0	3,870	110,332
Expendable Endowment Investments							
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust							
M10	AM Games	4,876	179	-179	0	171	5,047
Totals		4,876	179	-179	0	171	5,047
Funds Held at RBCW							
4318	Cathedral Endowment Fund	7,349	182	-182	0	410	7,759
Totals		7,349	182	-182	0	410	7,759
Expendable Endowment Investment		12,225	361.16	-361	0	581	12,806
Total Investment Funds		324,149	9,884.97	-9,885	-43,544	11,395	292,000

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INVESTMENT PURPOSE AND RESTRICTIONS

Fund names		Units Held	Type PE, EE, R, or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust				
M10	AM Games	2,887	EE	Services provided by the Cathedral
M13	Elizabeth Williams Benefaction	1,066	R	Cathedral grounds
M16	Bishop Bevan Trust Fund	8,370	R	Any except fabric
M18	Bishop Bevan Fabric Fund	26,770	R	Repair or restoration of fabric
M41	Bishop Williamson Bequest	10,948	R	Fabric
M54	Miss MC Bowen Fabric Trust	5,334	R	Repair of fabric
M66	Enoch Miles Legacy	40,621	UR	No restriction
M67	Margaret Greaves Smith Legacy	6,863	R	Maintenance of Cathedral
M81	Sale of 25 High Street (Ethel Gane Legacy)	4,792	UR	No restriction
Funds Held at RBCW				
3088	Sales of Land	40,436	UR	No restriction
3974	J Crichton Parry de Winton	2,968	R	Maintenance, decoration, or improvement
4318	Cathedral Endowment Fund	3,507	EE	Maintenance and service

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and UR - unrestricted funds

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NOTE 27 CHARITY INVESTMENTS

27.2 Details of Material Funds Held and Movements during the Previous Reporting Period (2022)

File Number	Title	Investment Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Investment Balances Carried Forward
Unrestricted Investments							
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust							
M66	Enoch Miles Legacy	127,131	4,220	-4,220	0	-14,501	112,630
M81	Sale of 25 High Street (Ethel Gane Legacy)	9,136	303	-303	0	-1,042	8,094
Totals		136,267	4,523	-4,523	0	-15,543	120,724
Funds Held at RBCW							
3088	Sales of Land	94,673	2,182	-2,182	0	-9,935	84,737
Totals		94,673	2,182	-2,182	0	-9,935	84,737
Unrestricted Investment Values		230,940	6,706	-6,706	0	-25,478	205,461
Restricted Investments							
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust							
M13	Elizabeth Williams Benefaction	2,032	67	-67	0	-232	1,800
M16	Bishop Bevan Trust Fund	15,957	530	-530	0	-1,820	14,137
M18	Bishop Bevan Fabric Fund	51,036	1,694	-1,694	0	-5,822	45,214
M41	Bishop Williamson Bequest	20,872	693	-693	0	-2,381	18,491
M54	Miss MC Bowen Fabric Trust	10,169	338	-338	0	-1,160	9,009
M67	Margaret Greaves Smith Legacy	13,084	434	-434	0	-1,493	11,591
Totals		113,149	3,756	-3,756	0	-12,907	100,242
Funds Held at RBCW							
3974	J Crichton Parry de Winton Bequest	6,949	160	-160	0	-729	6,220
Totals		6,949	160	-160	0	-729	6,220
Restricted Investment Values		120,099	3,916	-3,916	0	-13,637	106,462
Expendable Endowment Investments							
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust							
M10	AM Games	5,504	183	-183	0	-628	4,876
Totals		5,504	183	-183	0	-628	4,876
Funds Held at RBCW							
4318	Cathedral Endowment Fund	8,211	189	-189	0	-862	7,349
Totals		8,211	189	-189	0	-862	7,349
Expendable Endowment Investment Values		13,715	372	-372	0	-1,490	12,225
		0					0
Total Investment Funds		364,753	10,994	-10,994	0	-40,604	324,149

INVESTMENT PURPOSE AND RESTRICTIONS

Fund names	Units Held	Type PE, EE, R, or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions
Funds Held at Diocesan Trust			
M10 AM Games	2,887	EE	Services provided by the Cathedral
M13 Elizabeth Williams Benefaction	1,066	R	Cathedral grounds
M16 Bishop Bevan Trust Fund	8,370	R	Any except fabric
M18 Bishop Bevan Fabric Fund	26,770	R	Repair or restoration of fabric
M41 Bishop Williamson Bequest	10,948	R	Fabric
M54 Miss MC Bowen Fabric Trust	5,334	R	Repair of fabric
M66 Enoch Miles Legacy	66,685	UR	No restriction
M67 Margaret Greaves Smith Legacy	6,863	R	Maintenance of Cathedral
M81 Sale of 25 High Street (Ethel Gane Legacy)	4,792	UR	No restriction
Funds Held at RBCW			
Sales of Land	40,436	UR	No restriction
J Crichton Parry de Winton	2,968	R	Maintenance, decoration, or improvement
Cathedral Endowment Fund	3,507	EE	Maintenance and service

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and UR - unrestricted funds

SECTION C**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****NOTE 27.3 TRANSFERS BETWEEN RESERVES****Current Year (2023) Figures**

	Accumulated Fund Balances at 31 December 2022	Transfer Between Funds	Net Incoming/ Outgoing Resources	Gains/Losses on Revaluations	Accumulated Fund Balances at 31 December 2023
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	187,376	43,544	-154,244	0	76,676
Investment Fund	198,623	-43,544	0	6,944	162,023
Total	385,999	0	-154,244	6,944	238,699
Restricted Funds					
Investment Fund	106,406	0	0	3,868	110,274
Appeal Fund	56	0	0	2	58
Total	106,462	0	0	3,870	110,332
Expendable Endowment Funds					
Investment Fund	12,225	0	0	581	12,806
Total	12,225	0	0	581	12,806
Total	504,687	0	-154,244	11,395	361,837

Prior Year (2022) Figures

	Accumulated Fund Balances at 31 December 2021	Transfer Between Funds	Net Incoming/ Outgoing Resources	Gains/Losses on Revaluations	Accumulated Fund Balances at 31 December 2022
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	222,881	0	-35,505	0	187,376
Investment Fund	224,102	0	0	-25,478	198,623
Total	446,982	0	-35,505	-25,478	385,999
Restricted Funds					
Investment Fund	120,036	0	0	-13,630	106,406
Appeal Fund	63	0	0	-7	56
Total	120,099	0	0	-13,637	106,462
Expendable Endowment Funds					
Investment Fund	13,715	0	0	-1,490	12,225
Total	13,715	0	0	-1,490	12,225
Total	580,796	0	-35,505	-40,604	504,687

NOTE 28: TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity. Key management roles are undertaken by two Cathedral clergy, both of whom are all employed and paid for by the Representative Body of the Church in Wales. Their expenses used to be shown separately in the Accounts (see 2021 figures) but are now incorporated into the cost centre where the expense occurred to provide greater clarity. No