

Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
REG. No: 1160733



Introduction

Our Annual Report highlights the differences we have made to the community of Ystradgynlais and neighbouring communities across Powys and Neath Port Talbot during the year 1st April 2020 to 21st March 2021.

Who we are

YVC is a registered charity. We work with volunteers and the third sector to improve the wellbeing of people in Ystradgynlais and neighbouring communities. Together we aim to build a rich and vibrant community through our work in Volunteering and Recycling.

Collaboration

We know first-hand that for voluntary organisations to meet the challenges of the future we must work together, to organise and look ahead to prepare for the future. We continued to collaborate and connect with local people, organisations and services through strong partnerships.



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Some of Our Working Partners/Memberships

PAVO
Job Centre Plus

NPTCVS
Apple A Day

SCVS
Remploy

Department for Work and Pensions
Powys County Council
Community Repaint
People Plus

Probation Service



South Wales Stick Makers

We continue to provide a resource to our partners to facilitate activities at the centre - for example workshops for people who want to learn the craft of stick making.

Trustees' Report

Welcome to YVC annual report for 2020-2021. Last year's report highlighted the challenges of Covid and the pandemic continued to have a significant impact on the work of the centre throughout the period detailed in this report.

As Trustees we would like to thank the staff and our volunteers for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the centre and to the local community. We are proud to have played a key role in supporting members of the local area throughout the period of the pandemic.

The achievements of YVC during the period 2020 /2021 are set out in this report, but we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the main areas of focus. Before detailing these, as Trustees we would like to acknowledge the hard work undertaken by Ian Hawkins, Donna Davies and Alison Rodwell who worked hard to build firm foundations for the future growth of the centre and much of our work has been to continue the good work they started.

Transformation to improve our services and sustainable future of YVC

The pandemic led to the centre being closed for much of the period covered by this report. This time was used to continue to consolidate and secure the future of the centre. Working practices for staff have continued to evolve and stronger accounting procedures have been developed.

Continuing to enhance the services we offer to the local community. During the height of the pandemic the number of volunteers was increased to build capacity to support the local community. The food bank is now well-established and it is responding well to the increased demand. Christmas 2020 was marked with a day for children to visit, enjoy games and receive gifts. There was a Christmas card competition involving local schools and Christmas hampers were delivered.

Building Capacity & Skills: Board of Trustees & Staff & Building Partnerships

Looking Forward to 2021/2022.

2021/2022 will see further development and the consolidation of achievements at YVC. A new branding ident which better reflects the work and activities at the centre is being considered. The community cafe is developing well as are a variety of public workshops. The location of the food bank is changing within the centre to provide a more discrete service for the public. Work is going ahead on the community garden offering YVC the opportunity to develop relationships with new partners for a long term and sustainable project.



Volunteering

A vibrant and enriched community is where every person feels connected to their community through active participation in volunteer related activities - YVC promotes the value of volunteering and enhances the range and quality of volunteering opportunities and experience.

Our Achievements

A major achievement is the significant improvement in recruiting and placing of volunteers over the reporting period. 140 volunteers were placed. The diversity and support that volunteers provided to local business and community projects has made a real difference.

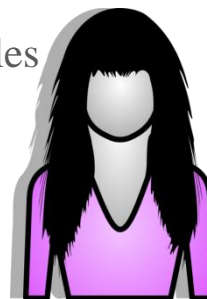
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new volunteers were placed in various volunteering positions in 2020/2021



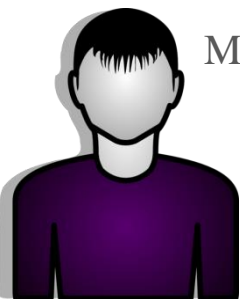
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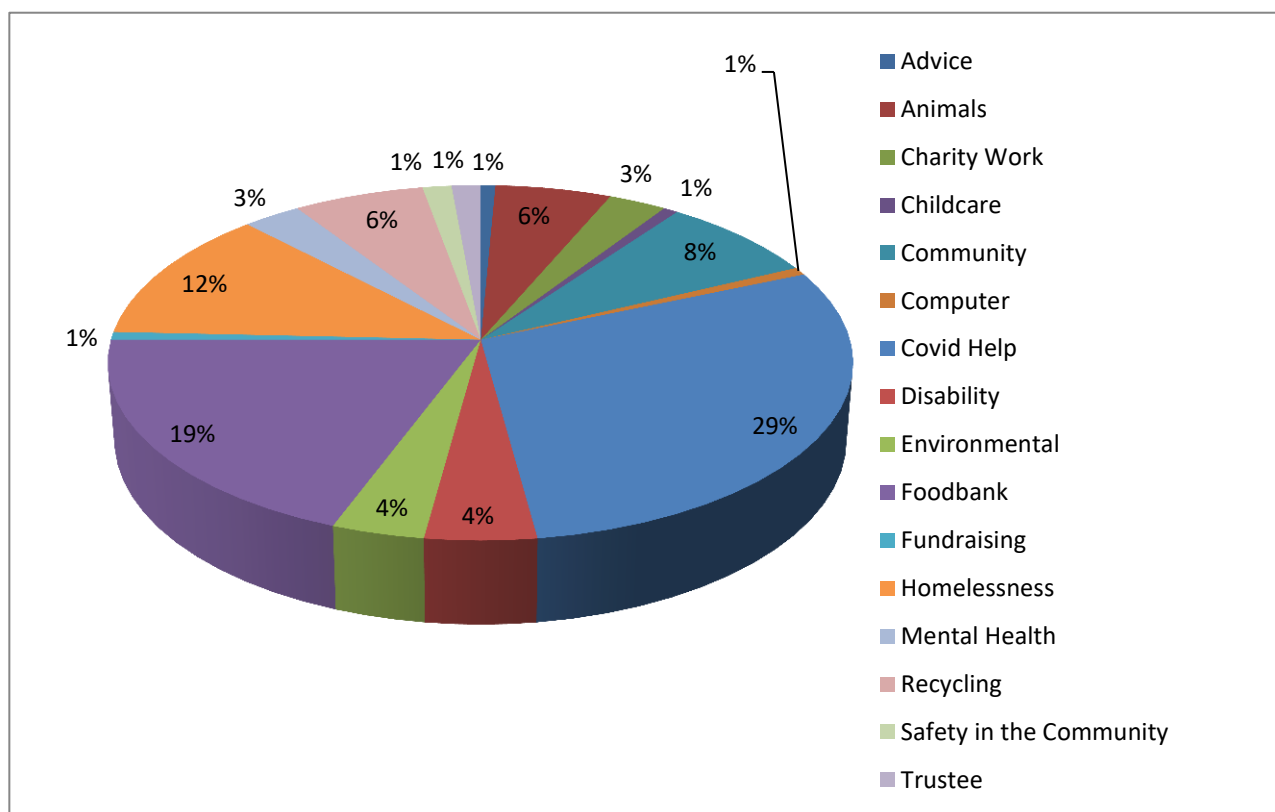


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Males



Areas Volunteers Placed



Recycling

Working with our communities to value the importance of the three 'Rs' to protect our environment - reduce, reuse and recycle

- to promote and educate the environmental and economic benefits of reduce, reuse and recycle
- to conserve and protect the physical and natural environment through the reduction of waste and the promotion of sustainable waste management
- to re-purpose household and other goods for sale or use in the community

Our Achievements

2020-2021

Total amount saved from landfill

11,637 Tons

Thank you to all of our loyal customers

Powys
6,341



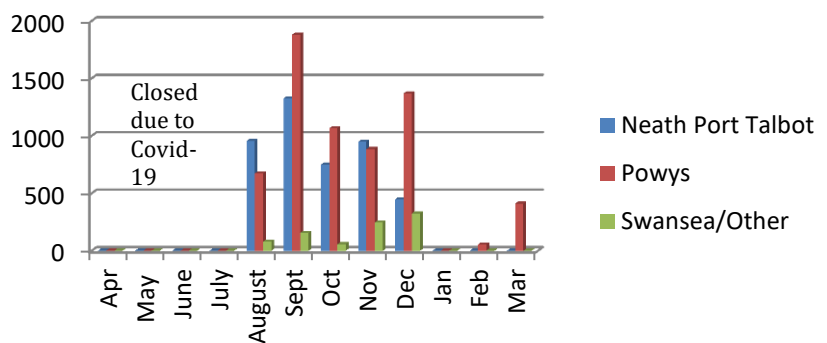
Neath Port Talbot
4,430



Swansea & Other
866



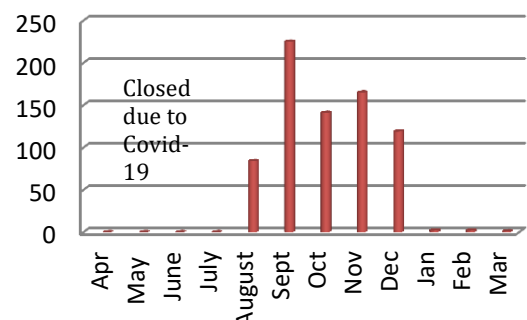
**Monthly tonnage
amounts
for each
area**



**Recycling Sales
Income**

£20,007.00

**Number of
Customers
Each
Month**



Buying Social - Ethical & Sustainable

Ystradgynlais Community Recycling is proud to be a Social enterprise.

Social Enterprises are changing the world for the better. Our aim is to create positive social change. When you buy from a social enterprise you are choosing to spend your money with a business that is giving something back. A social enterprises helps to create employment, help to improve people's life chances, provide training and employment opportunities, support communities and help the environment.



Helping those in most need

We are regularly called on to support social services and community partners in rehousing a cross section of people from, families in crisis, to those needing emergency new housing because of; domestic violence, eviction - to people who are destitute and have had to flee their homelands (immigration) so as to avoid persecution. Over the year we have helped many families in need through: the provision of household furniture, bedding, clothes and other support. We also ensure families are signposted to other agencies and support groups for financial and other help. We also make a valued contribution to assist integration people into the community.

Ethical & Sustainable Purchasing - Buying Preowned Items

We promote conscious purchasing choices to encourage consumers to make environmental choices.

Saves Money

Preowned items are a lot more affordable than purchasing the same or similar product new.



Helps the Environment

Choosing to purchase items, that may have ended up being thrown away, even though the item is in perfect condition prevents the amount of waste that reaches our landfill.



Getting more for your money

Taking the time to have a look and explore will allow you to have a wider choice and you may find an item that may be just as good quality or even better.



Excitement

Everyone loves finding a bargain. It may require a little more time and effort, but nothing beats the feeling of finding an item for a fraction of the price.



Our Partners - Corporate Donations

We have a number of partners. We would like to thank in particular our major donations from key partners below.

The recycling and reuse of their donations has diverted several tonnes of waste from landfill.

The Commitment by these large organisations demonstrate their corporate, social and environmental responsibilities to facilitate support at grass root level.



Swansea University
Prifysgol Abertawe



Management Committee 2020-2021

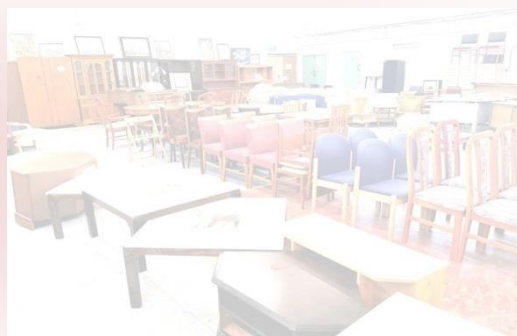
Trustee Chairperson:	Ian Hawkins/Alison Rodwell
Treasurer:	Hywel Jopling
Minutes Secretary:	Donna Davies/Alison Rodwell
Trustee Members:	Peter Thomas Sally Speedy Paul Emmanuel Alison Rodwell Ollie Gordon-Rump
Accounts:	Fergusons and Peters
Human Resources:	Mr D Williams Ian Hawkins

YVC Staff @ 31/3/21

Simon Busby/Sam Howard - YVC Manager
Elizabeth Davies - Volunteer/Client Coordinator
Carol Gordon - Volunteer Outreach Coordinator
Josie Bailey - Recycling & Retail
Leigh Martin - Recycling Van Driver
Karl Lewis - Recycling Technician

Antur Ystrad Directors @ 31/03/21

Josie Bailey



Contact Details

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Information

Website / Promotion & Publicity is managed and monitored between staff & volunteers

Our Website: <http://www.ystradgynlaisvc.org.uk>



<https://www.facebook.com/ystradgynlaisvolunteerceer>

<https://www.facebook.com/recycling.ystradgynlais>

<https://www.facebook.com/ystradgynlaisfoodbank>



Twitter @YstradFoodbank



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We promote volunteering opportunities with the all-Wales volunteering website at <https://powys.volunteering-wales.net/>



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YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE

ACCOUNTS

31ST MARCH 2021

YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020

<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	Cost	Additions	Disposal	Depn b/f	Depn	Depn on Disposal	NBV	2021
Tools & Equipment	13,307			12,549	152		606	
Furniture & Fittings	3,980			3,853	25		102	
Computer	269			268	-		1	
Van	4,600			1,150	863	-	2,588	
	22,156	-	-	17,820	1,040	-	3,296	3,296

CURRENT ASSETS

Barclays (Recycling) a/c	124,210	
Petty Cash	50	
Other Debtors	195	124,455

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade Creditors and Accruals	950	
Provision for Property Maintenance	4,000	
	4,950	119,505


NET CURRENT ASSETS

£ 122,801


REPRESENTED BY:

Income and Expenditure Account brought forward	66,702
Profit for the year	56,099
Income and Expenditure Account 31/03/21	<u>£ 122,801</u>

Approved by the Chair and Management Committee of Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre

 M. G. DAVIES
(Treasurer)

H. W. JOPHNG (TREASURER)

 Fergusons & Peters
Chartered Accountants
4 High Street
Pontardawe
Swansea

INCOME	£
Donations /Fundraising/Recycling	20,007
Office Income	3,390
Grants Received: See Note 1	92,883
Room Hire	1,465
Food Bank Donations	7,339

TOTAL EXPENSES	68,986
Profit	56,099
	£ 125,084

YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE

NOTES REFERRING TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT AT 31ST MARCH 2021

NOTE 1 GRANTS RECEIVED

	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	<u>TOTAL</u>
PROJECTS			
Powys CC		22,720	
Pavo (Annual)	9,071		
Powys PAVO	7,000		
Food Bank Grants		8,320	
HMRC	15,772		
Powys CC Covid Grant		25,000	
Garfield Weston		5,000	
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	£ 31,843	£ 61,040	£ 92,883

NOTE 2 OFFICE COSTS

GENERAL OFFICE COSTS	1,191
TELEPHONE CHARGES	736
INSURANCE/MANAGEMENT LEGAL COVER	2,682
ACCOUNTANCY	1,614
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	£ 6,223

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE 31ST MARCH 2021

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
have not been met; or

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



Fergusons & Peters
Chartered Accountants
High Street
Pontardawe
Swansea



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1160733

Set out on pages

1-4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity for the year ended 31/03/2021.

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

Signed:

Date:

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Name:

Mr Dean Beniamous

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

FCCA

Address:

Min Yr Afon

4 High Street, Pontardawe

Swansea . SA8 4HU

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.