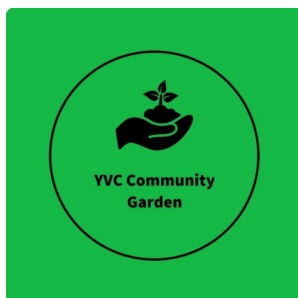




**YSTRAD  
RECYCLING**



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023/2024

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 2022 to 31st March 2024.

## 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 continue 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  
Probation Service

NPTCVS

SCVS  
Remploy

Western Valleys Communities First  
Powys County Council  
Community Repaint  
People Plus



### 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.



# Trustee's Report

Welcome to YVC Annual Report for 2022-2023-2024

As trustees we would like to offer our thanks to the staff and volunteers for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the Centre.

There have been many new developments over the past twelve months or so. For example, Ti a Fi Café has become well established attracting new customers as well as regular return visitors. The Christmas lunches were a great success as was the craft fair. The Mens Shed is now unrecognisable after refurbishment and public workshops have taken place there. New signage and graphics have been installed bringing a strong identity to the centre. We have received grant funding from PAVO and Coalfields and the Food Bank was supported by the sum of £500 from the town council.

The activities of the Centre is offering opportunities to develop relationships with new partners and strengthen our relationships with existing ones for long terming sustainable projects. Going forward, we are making available professional development courses to our staff and are looking at the possibility for Lottery funding to upgrade the building. We are also looking into buying a new van and the community garden being transformed into allotments. As always, the Board is seeking new members and volunteers to help carry forward all the good work being undertaken by Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre.

This brief highlight of a selection of activities and developments is to show the overall health and vitality of the Centre and its contribution to the life of the town. There are many more things I could list but I feel the most important is many thanks for all the incredibly hard work and commitment from staff and volunteers. You should all feel justifiably proud of everything you're achieving.

Thank you!

Paul Emmanuel



# 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

The diversity and support that volunteers provided to local business and community projects has made a real difference.

2022/2023

2023/2024

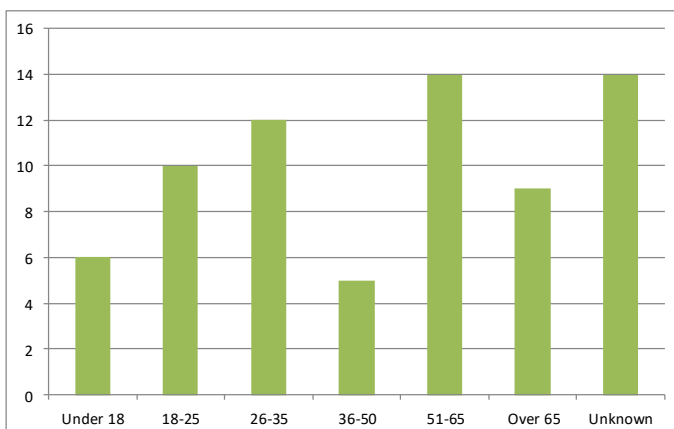
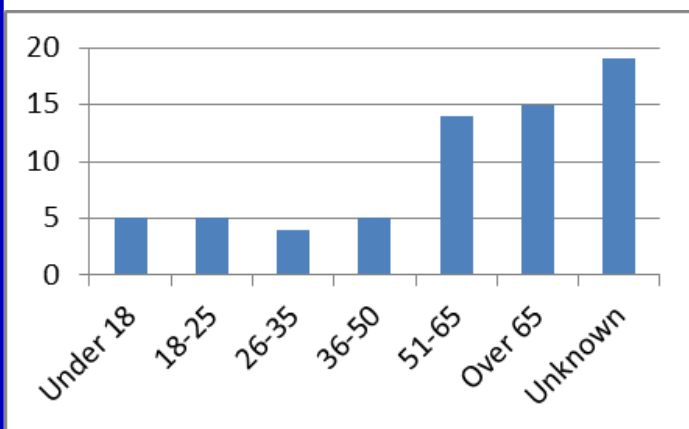
New volunteers placed

67

69



Ages of volunteers placed



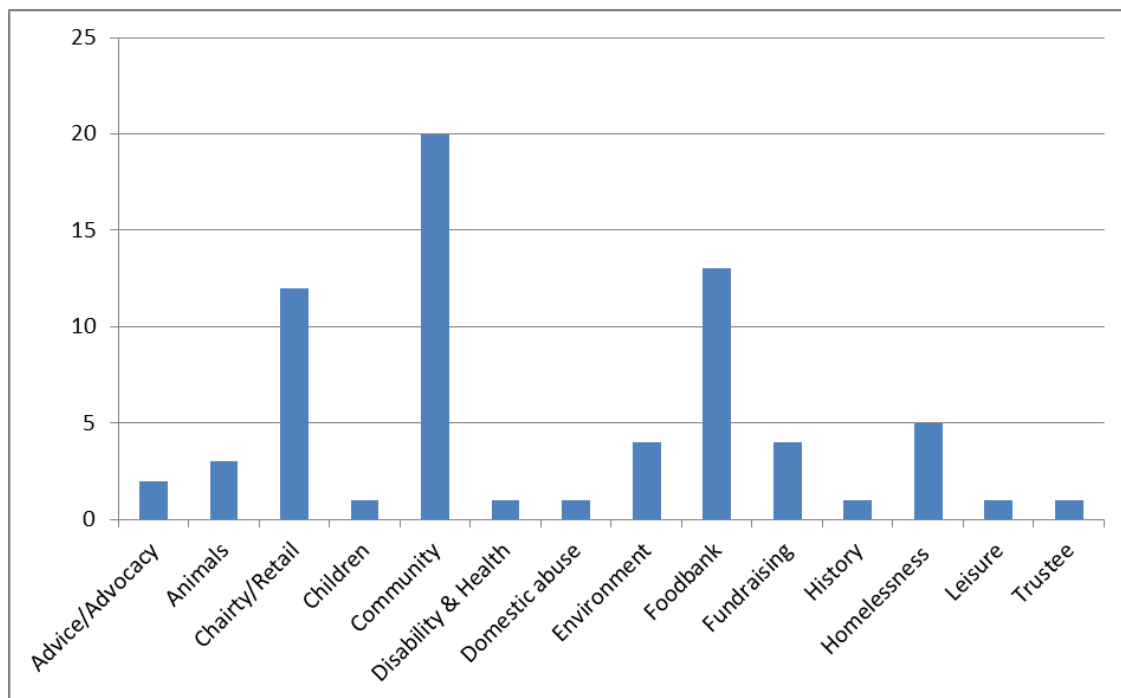


# Volunteering

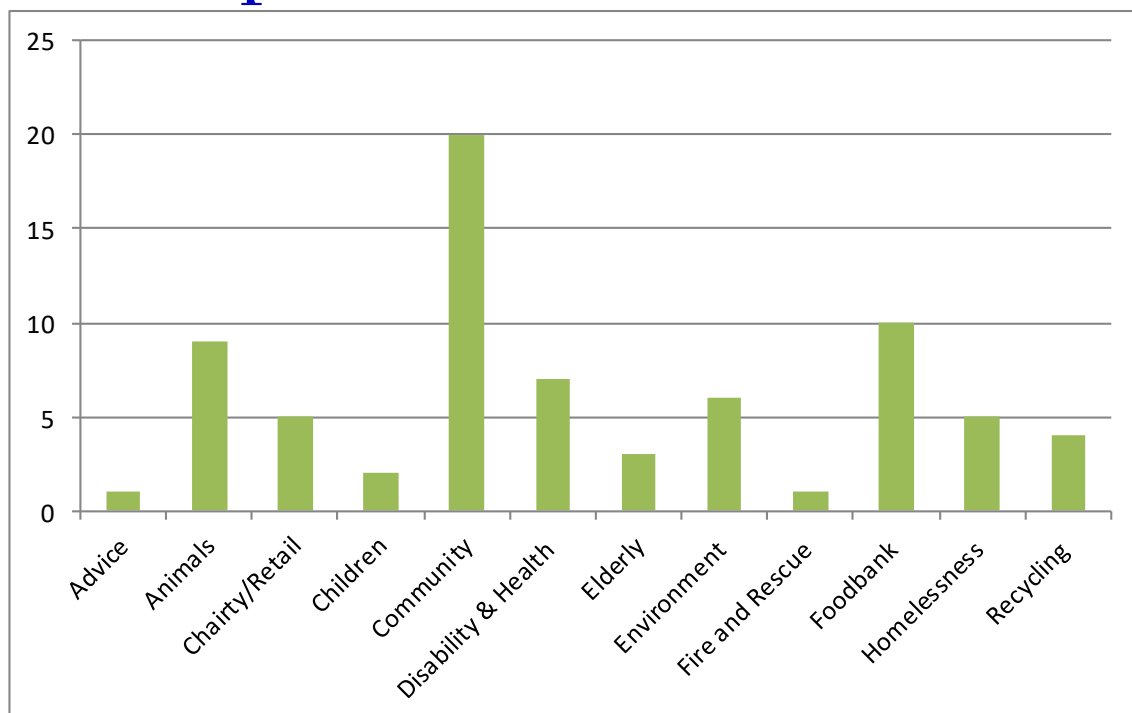
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## Areas Volunteers Placed

### April 2022—March 2023



### April 2023—March 2024



# 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

Total amount saved from landfill

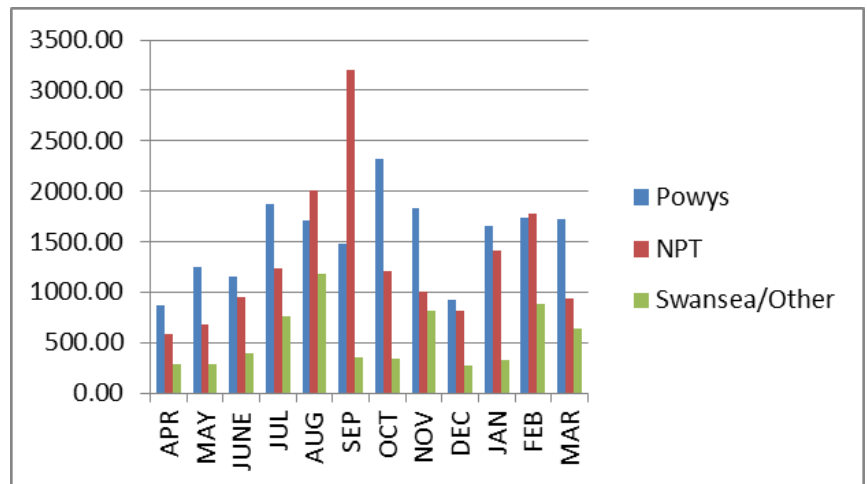
April 2022 – March 2023

40,918 Tons

Powys  
18,538

Neath Port Talbot  
15,818

Swansea & Other  
6562



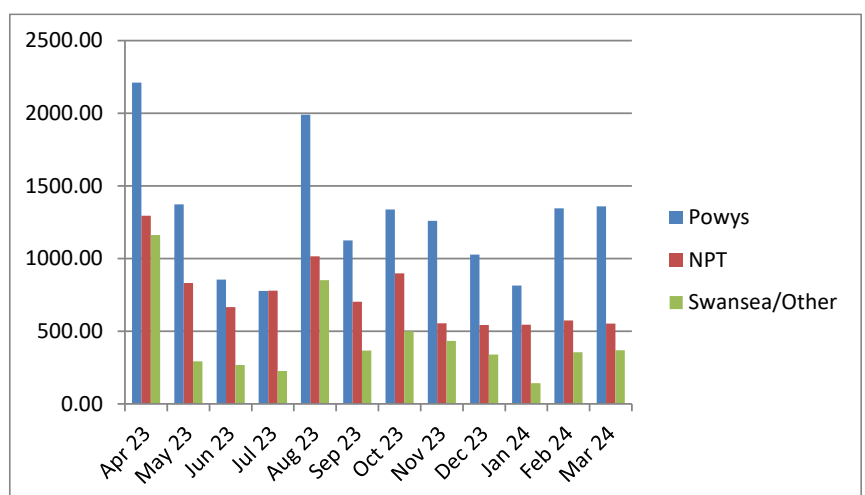
April 2023 – March 2024

29,737 Tons

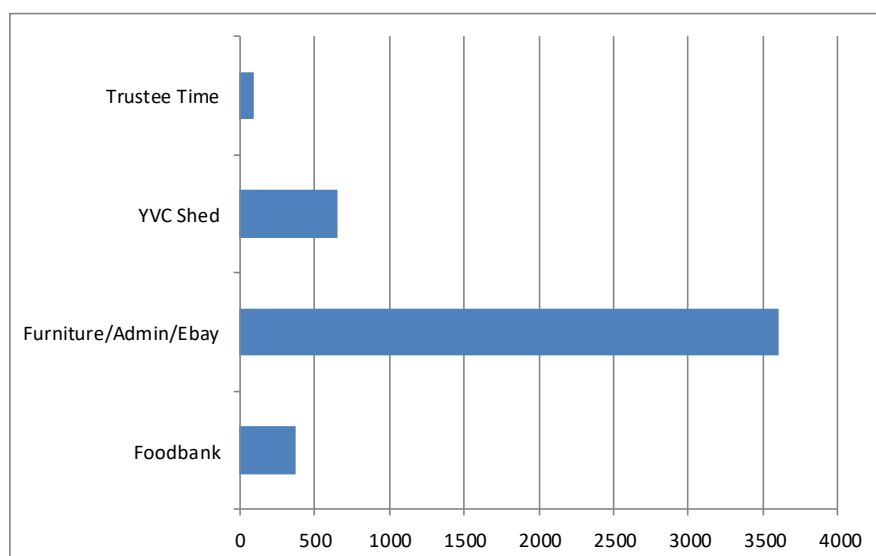
Powys  
15,475

Neath Port Talbot  
8958

Swansea & Other  
5303

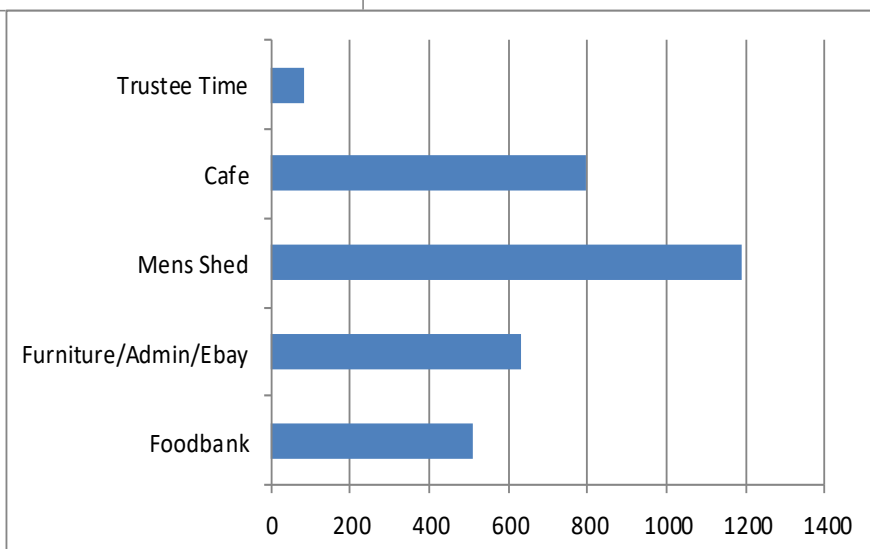


# YVC Volunteer Hours



April 2022 –  
March 2023

April 2023 –  
March 2024



April 2022 –  
March 2023

**52**  
YVC  
volunteers  
contributed



**5455**  
hours



**£51,822**  
Monetary benefit

April 2023 – March 2024

**43**  
YVC  
volunteers  
contributed



**3400**  
hours



**£35,428**  
Monetary benefit

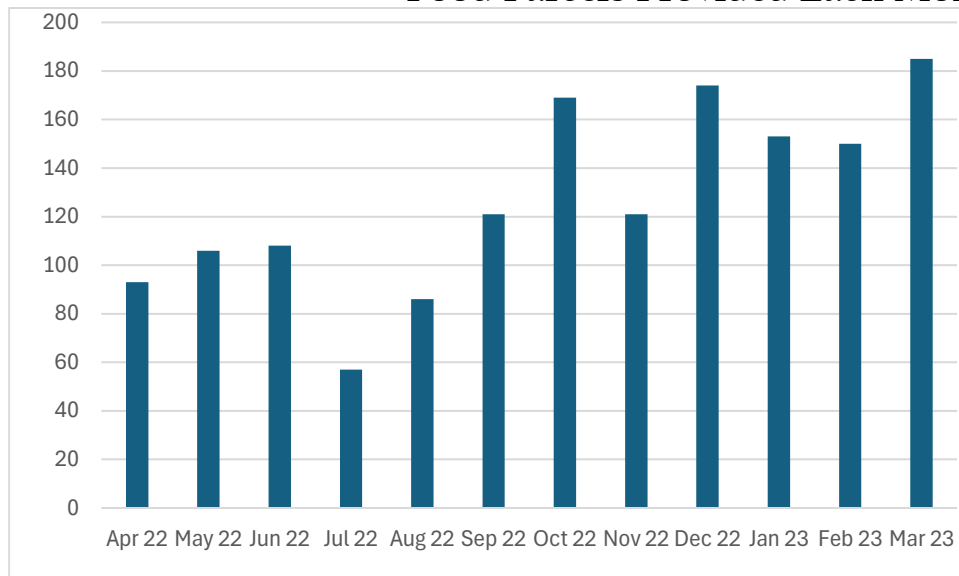




# Ystradgynlais Foodbank

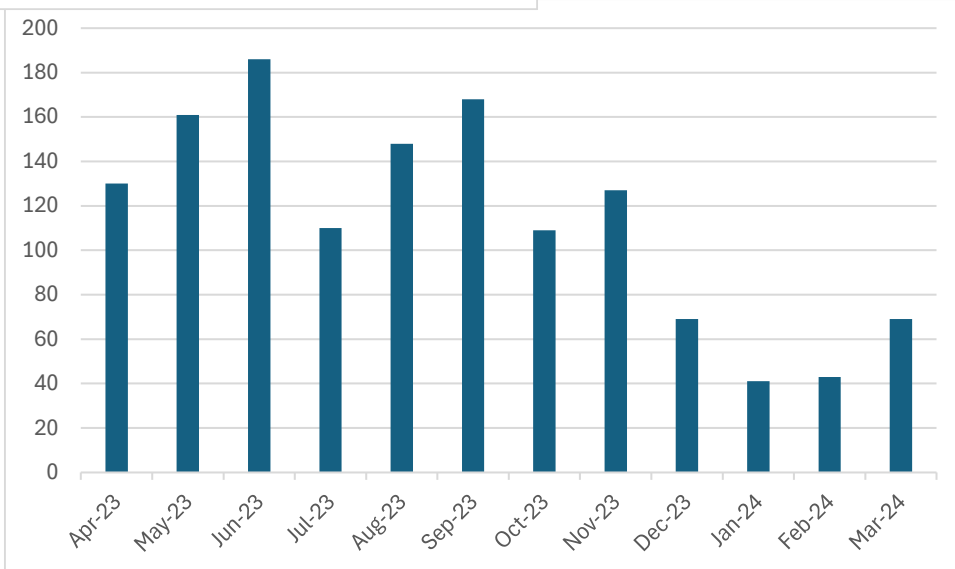
Our foodbank service helps people and families in need facing financial and other hardship. The Foodbank is based at Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre.

Food Parcels Provided Each Month



April 2022 –  
March 2023

April 2023 –  
March 2024





# YVC Community Garden

The Community Garden is an excellent facility that offers the opportunity to plant and grow a variety of fruit and vegetables. Last year we had a brilliant crop of various fruit and vegetables.

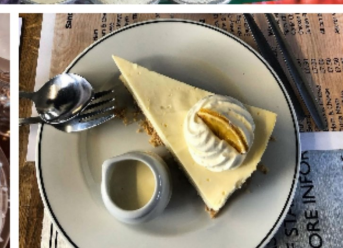
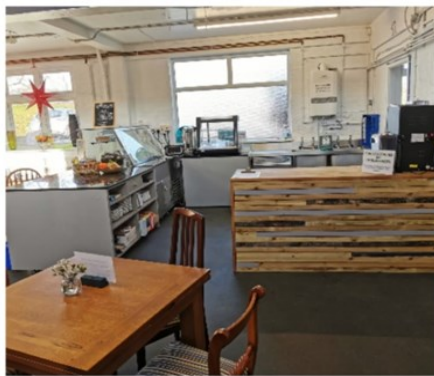
Unfortunately, this year we have not had any volunteers to manage the plot so we have had to temporarily close it down, we hope to reopen the garden as soon as possible.





# Ti A Fi Cafe

Our Community Café is a fantastic place to come and relax as well as meeting new friends. There is always a warm welcome from our superb Staff and Volunteers. The café serves amazing food and drinks at reasonable and affordable prices. All our food is freshly prepared and cooked on site.





# YVC Shed



We received a grant in April 2023 from The National Lottery for £10,000 to set up the YVC Shed which we are still in the process of developing. Our volunteer numbers are growing on a weekly basis. The YVC Shed gives the opportunity to both male and female volunteers to come and try their hand at new skills or offer their expertise to others. A few ongoing initiatives are making Welsh love spoons, bird boxes and repairing and upcycling furniture.

Beyond the practical aspects of building and creating, the YVC Shed is also a social space. Members can chat and share stories over a cup of tea or coffee, or participate in social activities like outings and events.

Overall, it is a place where people can find companionship, purpose, and a sense of community. It provides an opportunity for men and women to connect with others, share their skills and knowledge, and make a positive contribution to their community.





# 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 enterprise helps to create employment, helps to improve peoples life chances, provides training and employment opportunities, support communities and helps 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 or 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, clothing 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 of 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**

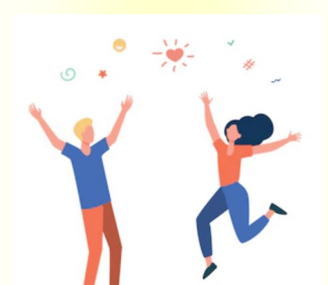
Taking the time to have a look and explore will allow you to have a wider choice and you may find an item that may be just as good

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.



# Management Committee

2022/2023	2023/2024
<b>Trustee Chairperson:</b> Paul Emmanuel	<b>Trustee Chairperson:</b> Paul Emmanuel
<b>Treasurer:</b> Gabe Thomas	<b>Treasurer:</b> Gabe Thomas
<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>	<b>Minutes Secretary:</b>
<b>Trustee Members:</b> Hywel Joplin Steve Rose Paul Hibben	<b>Trustee Members:</b> Steve Rose Paul Hibben
<b>Accounts:</b> Fergusons and Peters	<b>Accounts:</b> Fergusons and Peters
<b>Human Resources:</b> Mr D Williams	<b>Human Resources:</b> Mr D Williams

## YVC Staff

2022/2023	2023/2024
Keiron Burke - YVC Manager	Keiron Burke - YVC Manager
Josie Bailey - Recycling Manager	Josie Bailey - Recycling Manager
Elizabeth Davies - Volunteer/Client Coordinator	Elizabeth Davies - Volunteer/Client Coordinator
Carol Gordon - Volunteer Outreach Coordinator	Karl Lewis - Recycling Van Driver
Karl Lewis - Recycling Van Driver	Aidan Wilcox - Recycling Technician
Aidan Wilcox - Recycling Technician	Caroline Burke - Café Manager
Caroline Burke - Café Manager	Aidan Radjenovic - Café Assistant
	Howard Betsworth-Informal Volunteering Officer

## Antur Ystrad Directors 2022/2023/2024

Keiron Burke





# Contact Details

## Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre

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Wind Road, Glanrhyd,  
Ystradgynlais  
Swansea Valley  
SA9 1AF

Tel: 01639 849 192

Email: [yvcvolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:yvcvolunteering@gmail.com)



# Information

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



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



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

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

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



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



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YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE

ACCOUNTS

31ST MARCH 2023

YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	Cost	Additions	Disposal	Depn b/f	Depn	Depn on Disposal	NBV	<u>2023</u>
Tools & Equipment	13,307			12,823	72		412	
Furniture & Fittings	3,980			3,898	12		70	
Computer	269			268	-		1	
Van	4,600			2,530	414	-	1,656	
	22,156	-	-	19,519	498	-	2,139	2,139

CURRENT ASSETS

Barclays (Recycling) a/c	124,580	
Petty Cash	51	
Other Debtors	843	125,475

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade Creditors and Accruals	951	
Provision for Property Maintenance	4,000	
	4,951	120,524

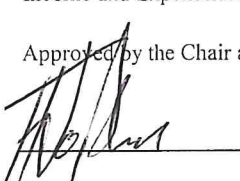
NET CURRENT ASSETS

£ 122,663

REPRESENTED BY:

Income and Expenditure Account brought forward	119,318
Profit for the year	3,345
Income and Expenditure Account 31/03/23	<u>£ 122,663</u>

Approved by the Chair and Management Committee of Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre

  
Mr H Joplin  
(Treasurer)

Fergusons & Peters  
Chartered Accountants  
4 High Street  
Pontardawe  
Swansea



INCOME		£	EXPENDITURE		£
Donations /Fundraising/Recycling	95,073		Building Related Costs	3,464	
Grants Received: See Note 1	21,278		Rent & Rates	-	
Room Hire	4,500		Office Costs -See Note 2	7,481	
Food Bank Donations	18,212		Staff costs/tax NI	90,028	
			Utilities (Covering 3 Sites)	5,540	
			Depreciation (per Fixed Assets)	498	
			Advertising	180	
			Foodbank Purchase	5,641	
			Motor & Travel Expenses	7,055	
			Sundry Expenses	1,057	
			IT Costs	460	
			Café Costs	14,314	
			<hr/>		
			TOTAL EXPENSES	135,718	
			Loss	3,345	
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TOTAL INCOME	£	139,063		£	139,063

YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE

NOTES REFERRING TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT AT 31ST MARCH 2023

**NOTE 1 GRANTS RECEIVED**

**PROJECTS**

Powys CC  
Pavo ( Annual)  
Community Renewal Fund  
Powyss CC Healthcare grant

RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	<u>TOTAL</u>
	7,660	
7,983		
	2,916	
2,720		
<u>£ 10,703</u>	<u>£ 10,576</u>	<u>£ 21,278</u>

**NOTE 2 OFFICE COSTS**

GENERAL OFFICE COSTS  
TELEPHONE CHARGES  
INSURANCE/MANAGEMENT LEGAL COVER  
ACCOUNTANCY

1,893
902
2,649
<u>2,037</u>
<u>£ 7,481</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE 31ST MARCH 2023

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

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

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Fergusons & Peters  
Chartered Accountants  
4 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

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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 31/03/2023

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:

Name:

Mr Dean Beniamous

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

FCCA

Address:

Min Yr Afon

4 High Street. Pontardawe

Swansea . SA8 4HU



**Section B****Disclosure**

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.