



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st. August 2022**

Period start date To

Period end date **31st. July 2023**

Charity name: Rhondda Tunnel Society

Charity registration number: 1162646

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Restoration of Rhondda Tunnel as a walking/cycling route thereby to improve the economic prospects for the wider area.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Making monthly visits to the tunnel to record its air quality. Fundraising through sales in its charity shop when staff are available to open it and the weekly "Tunnel Tote". Talks about the tunnel to community groups Telling the story of the tunnel to local schools
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees know that it must perform in accordance with its stated purposes.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity applies for grants for specific items or programmes whenever the opportunity/need arises.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity continues to invest in the air quality programme, which requires it to pay for safety and calibration checks on the equipment. We also make visits to schools to talk about the tunnel in relation to its history and the social history of the region. We tailor these talks to the age of the pupils but also do talks to community groups throughout South Wales.
		All the work carried out by the Society is done by volunteers, and most of their

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	incidental expenses, such as travel, have been met by their own donations. All fees earned from talks have been donated to the Society.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We took delivery of a container which was supplied by National Highways. This is used to store the equipment that we use at Blaencwm for air quality visits to the tunnel. During the year we stopped accepting then selling and delivering furniture from our charity shop. We exchanged the Partner van for a Nissan Navarro 4X4. This has proved most useful in getting to the Blaencwm entry because our normal route was blocked by construction work on a housing development. We were able to take some important visitors into the tunnel during the year. Our new Patron, TV presenter Martin Roberts, has been successful in reviving interest in the tunnel project, particularly with RCT Council. In March, we unveiled a new notice board about the Tunnel in Blaencwm at a well-attended event, followed by a chance for local residents to meet us at Martin's pub, the Hendrewen.</p> <p>Frustrated with any progress towards the main goals of the Society, we made a planning application to expose the Blaencwm portal, costing about £0.5M, but with talk of a "levelling-up" grant to cover the whole project cost, we withdrew it. Our Technical Subcommittee has been looking at ways to dispose of the spoil from an excavated portal at Blaencwm, and has been in discussion with "Welcome to our Woods" about re-using the field below Penpych to receive fill and be developed.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our Patron, Martin Roberts, has made progress on reviving interest in the tunnel project, especially following the unveiling of the notice board at Blaencwm. In March, we met with the
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		Secretary of State for Wales in London following efforts by Joel James MS.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising objectives were set
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not measured.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity made a loss of £884 during the period
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserve is held against future activity towards re-opening the tunnel.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9645
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The shop has been losing money because of lack of volunteers to run it. Our Chair normally spends a lot of time in the shop, but he has been on long-term sick for much of the year. We had to replace the Partner van which we exchanged for a Nissan Navarro, costing £5800.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership at £10 p.a. with approx. 900 members, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donations - "Tunnel Tote" – our weekly draw - Website sales - Shop sales
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The bulk of funds are held in a Principality Savings Account.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Poor trading performance of the shop, shortage of volunteers to run the shop and other activities & the health of those volunteers as they are all ageing.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		none
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Posts elected at the AGM. The Society has a main committee which meets along with the trustees, with the provision that the trustees only may vote on financial matters. Main committee members can become trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees will have spent time as members of our main committee to familiarise themselves with our activities before becoming trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Society has a main committee which meets with the trustees and a technical subcommittee, mostly of retired civil engineers. The Business Plan subcommittee has been merged with the Technical Subcommittee
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We work with Sustrans and Welcome to Our Woods
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rhondda Tunnel Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1162646
Charity's principal address	1 Station Road, Treorchy RCT CF42 6UA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Stephen Mackey	Chair		
2	Jim Maggs	Vice-Chair		
3	Tony Moon	Project Secretary		
4	Lesley Crew	Treasurer		
5	Aubrey Green	Trustee		
6	Brian Rees	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
none		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
none		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Antony George Moon

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Project Secretary

Date

1st. September 2023



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Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 8/1/2022	To	Period end date 7/31/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash and cheques through shop	6,639	-	-	6,639	-
PayPal Membership & donations	8,501	-	-	8,501	-
Standing order memberships	397	-	-	397	-
Stripe- Website Sales	873	-	-	873	-
T Moon	168	-	-	168	-
Fees from Talks	110	-	-	110	-
Misc	79	-	-	79	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,767	-	-	16,767	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,767	-	-	16,767	-
A3 Payments					
Shop Rent	5,211	-	-	5,211	-
Postage	594	-	-	594	-
Vehicle Tax & Fuel	1,808	-	-	1,808	-
Phone & Internet in Shop	725	-	-	725	-
Energy & Water in Shop	804	-	-	804	-
Chair's Mobile	432	-	-	432	-
Amazon Purchases	857	-	-	857	-
Printing	854	-	-	854	-
Purchase of pens for re-selling	375	-	-	375	-
Hospitality	100	-	-	100	-
Complete.co.uk	507	-	-	507	-
AdvaSign	480	-	-	480	-
FS Techsmith	203	-	-	203	-
McAfee Anti-Virus Software	180	-	-	180	-
A-Plan Insurance	114	-	-	114	-
Corderoy Infrastructure	1,373	-	-	1,373	-
Replacement Vehicle (Nissan Nararo)	5,800	-	-	5,800	-
Cash	1,070	-	-	1,070	-
S Mackey	250	-	-	250	-
Treorchy BID	220	-	-	220	-
Rockall Safety	323	-	-	323	-
International Whale	338	-	-	338	-
Membermojo Fees	250	-	-	250	-
TOTE Consolation Prizes	75	-	-	75	-
Microsoft + SET Stationery	181	-	-	181	-
B & Q Shelving	327	-	-	327	-
Sub total	23,451	-	-	23,451	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,451	-	-	23,451	-

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 6,684	-	-	- 6,684	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	- 6,684	-	-	- 6,684	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank	3,904	-	-
	Principality	11,226	5,485	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,130	5,485	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Vehicle	5000	-	-
	Stock in Shop	500	-	-
	Air Quality Monitors	300	-	-
	Fall Arrester Gear	600	-	-
	Harnesses, overalls, lamps	200	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Topographical Survey of Glenrhondda	1740	-	
	Accountants	750	-	
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			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	