



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st. August 2023

Period start date To

Period end date 31st. July 2024

Charity name: Rhondda Tunnel Society

Charity registration number: 1162646

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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. We are able to take special guests with us. Fundraising through a Gala Ball (Feb. '24), membership subscriptions, sales in its charity shop when staff are available and the weekly "Tunnel Tote". Talks about the tunnel to community groups Telling the story of the tunnel to local schools. Lobbying people who might be able to help re-open the tunnel (politicians, business interests, philanthropists, etc.). |
| 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 | |
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| 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. This enables it to invite special guests who might be able to promote the project. We also make |

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| | | 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. |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | All the work carried out by the Society is done by volunteers, and most of their 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 | |
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| 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>The Society took ownership of a 12-acre plot of land close to the Blaencwm entrance which we expect eventually to turn into a country park. The Society's Technical Team has drawn up detailed proposals to expose the Blaencwm tunnel entrance which is currently buried.</p> <p>In February, the Society held a Gala Ball that raised some £16k. This has enabled the Society to pay a planning consultant to prepare an application to expose the tunnel entrance at Blaencwm.</p> <p>We installed our own communications system within the tunnel which enables us to enter it without having to borrow comms equipment from MRSL which is generally unavailable in summer.</p> <p>In June, the Society unveiled an updated information board in Blaengwynfi, and invited all the local residents to attend. It was unveiled by Stephen Kinnock MP & David Rees MS, and in a subsequent Q & A session in the local pub, the Society was able to discuss the options for exposing the entrance there and get valuable feedback.</p> <p>A small team visited the Bennerley Viaduct in Notts. which provides a useful model of ownership and restoration that the Society is keen to follow.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | Our Patron, TV Presenter Martin Roberts, has continued to revive interest in the project, and discussion about its prospects was the subject of First Minister's Questions in the Senedd. A future Channel 4 programme will show the Society's activities. |
| 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

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The charity made a profit of £8371 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. The Society expects to have to raise many thousands of pounds in order to fund the exposing of the Blaencwm entrance to supplement funds already promised by the Railways Heritage Trust. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £28986 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | The Society's charity shop in Treorchy continues to lose money but it is considered an asset to promote the project to the local population. Losses in 2023-24 have much reduced and are being monitored by the trustees against its benefits. |
| 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:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | Membership at £10 p.a. with approx. 800 members, due to increase to £15 <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 in a Barclays current account, due to be moved to its Principality Savings Account which gives a better interest rate. |
| 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

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| 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:

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| 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's main committee meets regularly, mostly by video meeting. Its Technical Subcommittee also manages the Business Plan, last updated in May 2024 |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | We work with Railway Paths Ltd. which manages much UK walking/cycling infrastructure, including tunnels. Sustrans Welcome to Our Woods |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| 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 |
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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 & Acting Treasurer | | |
| 4 | Lesley Crew | Trustee | | |
| 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 | | |
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| none | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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| none | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| 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 |
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| none | | |
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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

none


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

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | Antony George Moon | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Project Secretary | |
| Date | 23rd. August 2024 | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rhonddda Tunnel Society

No (if any)
1162646

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/08/2023

To

Period end date
31/07/2024

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 | | | | | |
| Donations | 210 | - | - | 210 | 247 |
| Fundraising | 16,186 | 7,870 | - | 24,056 | 4,756 |
| Income from Talks | 150 | - | - | 150 | 110 |
| Interest from bank | 482 | - | - | 482 | - |
| Membership Subscriptions | 9,060 | - | - | 9,060 | 8,898 |
| Sales | 2,366 | - | - | 2,366 | 2,756 |
| Sundry Income | 50 | - | - | 50 | - |
| | | - | - | - | - |
| Cash waiting to be deposited in Principality | 1,072 | - | - | 1,072 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 29,576 | 7,870 | - | 37,446 | 16,767 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 29,576 | 7,870 | - | 37,446 | 16,767 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Cost of Sales | 856 | - | - | 856 | 1,461 |
| Equipment, fixtures & fittings | 1,892 | - | - | 1,892 | 2,014 |
| Establishment | 5,200 | - | - | 5,200 | 5,431 |
| Fundraising Expenses | 6,282 | - | - | 6,282 | 930 |
| General Admin | 155 | - | - | 155 | 840 |
| Insurances | 146 | - | - | 146 | 114 |
| IT | 1,068 | - | - | 1,068 | 814 |
| Legal & Professional Fees | 2,490 | - | - | 2,490 | 1,373 |
| Motor Expenses | 1,173 | - | - | 1,173 | 8,338 |
| Sundry | 37 | - | - | 37 | 175 |
| Telecommunications | 432 | - | - | 432 | 1,157 |
| Tote consolation prize | 25 | - | - | 25 | - |
| Utilities | 1,448 | - | - | 1,448 | 804 |
| | | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 21,205 | - | - | 21,205 | 23,451 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 21,205 | - | - | 21,205 | 23,451 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 8,371 | 7,870 | - | 16,241 | - 6,684 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 20,615 | - | - | 20,615 | 27,299 |
| Cash funds this year end | 28,986 | 7,870 | - | 36,856 | 20,615 |

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 Account ...857 | 19,757 | - | |
| | Barclays Bank Account ...834 | 4,077 | | |
| | Principality | 3,629 | 7,870 | |
| | Cash waiting for Deposit | 1,523 | | |
| | Total cash funds | 28,986 | 7,870 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | Neath Port Talbot Council - Payment for Blaengwynfi Notice Board | 857 | - | - |
| | Caxton Press - Advertising revenue from Gala Ball | 650 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | Vehicle | 3000 | - | - |
| | Stock in Shop | 1000 | - | - |
| | Air Quality Monitors | 300 | - | - |
| | Fall Arrester Gear | 400 | - | - |
| | Harnesses, overalls, lamps | 200 | - | - |
| | Generators | 350 | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | Cancellation of Internet Provider | 150 | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

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Date of approval

23/08/2024

23/08/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Rhondda Tunnel Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162646

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**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 by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:**Date:**

23 August 2024

Name:

Emlyn Huish

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

(if any):

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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.

I am satisfied that the published Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet figures of the Rhondda Tunnel Society give a true representation of its finances as at 31 December 2023