

# **Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership**

Charity number 1169860

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2023**

### **Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Jennifer Fox		
Julie Rees		
Ffion Fox		
Robert Bamforth		
Stephen Bright		Appointed 21 July 2022

**Charity number** 1169860

<b>Principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
The Quay Centre	Lloyds Bank plc
The Quay	43 King Street
Carmarthen	Carmarthen'
SA31 3LN	SA31 1BW

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 24 October 2016.

### **Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The trustees of the charity are appointed for a term of three years at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees..

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

The preservation and protection of health and the saving of lives in the areas of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and City & County of Swansea in particular but not exclusively by:

- Providing education to the public about the dangers of open waterways.
- Managing life-saving equipment by helping to reduce vandalism and helping to replace and renew lost or damaged lifebuoys & cabinets along rivers and waterways.
- Working with voluntary and statutory organisations in the delivery of the above.

#### **The charity's main activities**

The charity has continued to extend its lease from Carmarthenshire County Council to utilise the Quay Centre in Carmarthen, at no rental cost to the charity. This has enabled us to extend our charitable activities to a wider audience and give the charity a base from which to enhance our work.

### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education and the saving of lives.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023**

### **Objectives and activities (continued)**

#### **Achievements and performance**

The year was still affected by the aftermath and ongoing impact regarding Covid, but the organisation still tried to ensure the key water safety messages are delivered in Carmarthenshire and further afield. Our role in the community has helped to deliver water safety messages to schools, organisations, and individuals across Wales. We pride ourselves on the public notices on lifebuoys in the west Wales region; on the vandal proof lifebuoy cabinets; and the extensive flyers and digital information that Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership has produced, as well as our engagement in events and activities around the Quay Centre in Carmarthen.

The Quay Centre itself, which is currently leased to the charity on a one year rolling lease, continues to be a popular venue for groups to meet, and for visiting groups with an interest in water safety or the local riverside history, culture, and events. We are grateful to Gwendraeth Valley Paddlers, Carmarthen Coracle & Netsmen's Association, Carmarthen Boat Club, and Carmarthen Rowing Club for their respect of the shared use within the Quay Centre.

More activities, meetings, and visits took place at the Quay Centre, but it is not yet back to 'normal'. There remains some ongoing reluctance for crowded indoor events, so trying to promote safe outdoor on the water activities has been increasingly important. A hugely successful return of the Carmarthen River Festival in June 2022 was very well attended and introduced many to both water safety messages and practical safe experiences in coracles, kayaks, and other means of crossing water. To try to grow further the capacity and frequency of on the water experiences, CWSP bid for funds from National Resources Wales for a multi-party project titled "I've got the water safety bug". This project would have included water safety awareness, on the water activities, and by the waterside environmental issues, but sadly the grant offer was massively oversubscribed, and the bid was unsuccessful.

CWSP has tried to find a way to obtain a longer lease so that capital funds can be found for investment in the Quay Centre. This is an ongoing challenge for general repairs, but also with fundamental issues such as renovating the heating system, especially as high energy costs have caused us to restrict some activities and usage over the winter. The CWSP trustees and all of the Quay Centre stakeholder groups contributed to a Vision 2022 document and would like to develop the facility further. The enhanced building would be sustainable and include an iconic glass coracle structure/window wall, an enlarged terrace overlooking the River Towy, and space for a café as well as the existing users and uses of the current space.

Trustees met with a local architecture firm to develop outline designs, as well as other individuals and groups that have worked on developing community hubs and facilities. To take the next steps and be granted a longer lease by the county council will require evidence of whether the plans and building will work, and so requires a comprehensive feasibility study. Grants have been applied for to cover this work, and based on a now increasingly positive relationship with the lessor, Carmarthenshire County Council, CWSP is very hopeful that further progress will be made in the coming year.

#### **Financial review**

The net deficit for the year was £8,494, including a net deficit of £7,686 on unrestricted funds and a net deficit of £808 on restricted funds.

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £3,710.

The charity's policy is to establish a reserve sufficient to cover at least three months' running costs. At present this is being achieved, and further ways of increasing income continue to be sought.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 16 August 2023

Signed: Robert Bamforth (Trustee)

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## Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations	(2)	11	-	11	200
Grants received	(2)	-	-	-	450
Contributions from partners (Quay Centre)		600	-	600	-
Hire of rooms		2,913	-	2,913	1,861
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>3,524</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,524</b>	<b>2,511</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotions		860	499	1,359	1,537
Water		239	-	239	216
Electricity		1,908	-	1,908	2,268
Broadband		454	-	454	411
Repairs and maintenance		-	-	-	32
Licences and subscriptions		52	-	52	53
Insurances		319	-	319	306
Training and conference costs		-	-	-	25
Small equipment and consumables		(242)	450	208	419
Professional fees		-	-	-	118
Transfers to partner organisations		-	7,250	7,250	-
Sundry expenses		229	-	229	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>3,819</b>	<b>8,199</b>	<b>12,018</b>	<b>5,385</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>(295)</b>	<b>(8,199)</b>	<b>(8,494)</b>	<b>(2,874)</b>
Transfers between funds		(513)	513	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds after transfers</b>		<b>(808)</b>	<b>(7,686)</b>	<b>(8,494)</b>	<b>(2,874)</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>4,518</b>	<b>7,686</b>	<b>12,204</b>	<b>15,078</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<b>3,710</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,710</b>	<b>12,204</b>

# **Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership**

## **Statement of assets and liabilities**

**as at 31 March 2023**

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	3,710	-	3,710	15,078
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>3,710</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,710</u>	<u>15,078</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012. that, at the year end, the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

### **Approval of the accounts**

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 16 August 2023

Signed: Robert Bamforth (Trustee)

# **Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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## Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2023

### 2 Grants and donations

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Carmarthen Town Council	-	-	-	450
Donations	11	-	11	-
	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>450</u>

### 3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Carmarthen Town Council	450	-	450	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	7,236	-	7,749	513	-
	<u>7,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,199</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>-</u>

#### Fund name

#### Purpose of restriction

Carmarthen Town Council	For the provision of plants and landscaping at the Quay Centre
National Lottery Community Fund	To enable the charity to reach out to new groups, such as people who encounter mental health problems and are at risk of self-harm and suicide near or in water. The transfer represents the balance of expenditure paid from unrestricted reserves.

### 4 Related party transactions

#### Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

#### Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.