

# **Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership**

Charity number 1169860

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

### **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>
Robert Bamforth	Chair
Julie Rees	Treasurer
Jennifer Fox	
Stephen Bright	
Ffion Fox	Resigned 7 April 2025

**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) foundation, formed on 24 October 2016, and is governed by a constitution.

### **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 2025**

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

#### **Achievements and performance**

The organisation remains committed to promoting essential water safety messages, with the Quay Centre in Carmarthen serving as a pivotal hub. This centre collaborates with various water-related groups that frequently convene and utilise its facilities, as well as other community organisations focused on supporting well-being and mental health.

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The Quay Centre also continues to be a popular venue and used in many other diverse ways. There have been visits from primary school groups throughout the year, hosted at the Quay Centre by the Carmarthen Coracle and Netsmen's Association. Pupils see the heritage collection of coracles, models, and historical artefacts, learning about both their local maritime heritage and water safety.

The Quay Centre building and grounds themselves, remain, despite our ongoing efforts, on a one year rolling lease from Carmarthenshire County Council. The building needs substantial investment and repair to continue to be an effective and safe place for all that want to use it. This has been an ongoing challenge for general repairs, but also with fundamental issues such as renovating the heating system, especially with high energy costs. The charity has found additional groups who have booked rooms and even through the winter this has helped reduce the impact of utility and other costs. However, this too has had an impact on the building and its interior, and has put an increased load on trustees and volunteers. Further ways to cover costs have been and continue to be sought.

The Carmarthen River festival, on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024, was once again a busy and bustling success. There were plenty of free opportunities to safely take part in water-based activities – in coracles in quayside pool and on kayaks in the river – as well as the ever popular on the water racing and quayside activities. The whole event is supported by all the Quay Centre clubs as well as CWSP and helps grow greater appreciation of the river, more awareness of its dangers, and consequently an understanding of water safety.

The charity continues to pursue a longer lease with the County Council and is in regular contact to try to ensure the building is looked after in the best interests of all.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025**

### **Financial review**

The net deficit for the year was £5,296, including a net deficit of £304 on unrestricted funds and a net deficit of £4,992 on restricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £1,723.

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 January 2026

Signed: Robert Bamforth (Trustee)

# Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership

## Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations	(2)	500	-	500	1,352
Grants received	(2)	-	-	-	15,000
Contributions from partners (Quay Centre)		950	-	950	800
Sale of merchandise		73	-	73	335
Hire of rooms		1,072	-	1,072	430
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>2,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>17,917</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Advertising and promotions		-	-	-	660
Water		353	-	353	364
Electricity		1,286	-	1,286	1,089
Broadband		314	-	314	453
Licences and subscriptions		52	-	52	52
Insurances		335	-	335	327
Purchase of equipment and consumables		259	-	259	1,355
Professional fees		-	4,992	4,992	10,008
Donations paid		300	-	300	300
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>2,899</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>7,891</b>	<b>14,608</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		<b>(304)</b>	<b>(4,992)</b>	<b>(5,296)</b>	<b>3,309</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>2,027</b>	<b>4,992</b>	<b>7,019</b>	<b>3,710</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<b>1,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>7,019</b>

# **Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership**

## **Statement of assets and liabilities**

**as at 31 March 2025**

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	1,723	-	1,723	7,019
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>1,723</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,723</u>	<u>7,019</u>

<b>Other current assets</b>	2025
	£
Prepayments	314
	<u>314</u>

### **Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Defibrillator

### **Liabilities**

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 January 2026

Signed: Robert Bamforth (Trustee)

# **Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **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 2025**

<b>2 Grants and donations</b>	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Carmarthenshire County Council	-	-	-	15,000
Donations	500	-	500	1,352
	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>16,352</u>

<b>3 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Carmarthenshire County Council	4,992	-	4,992	-	-
	<u>4,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

#### **Fund name Purpose of restriction**

Carmarthenshire County Council For the costs of a feasibility study for the development of the Quay Centre

## **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.

### **Other transactions with trustees or related parties**

			2021 £	2020 £
<b>Name of trustee or related party</b>	<b>Relationship to charity</b>	<b>Description of transaction</b>		
Malcolm Rees	Husband of trustee	Room hire	192	-
			<u>192</u>	<u>-</u>