

# PONTARDAWE HERITAGE AND VISITOR CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1173060

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-05-16

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Brynamlwg  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE HISTORY, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF PONTARDAWE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS AND OF THEIR INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** Our aims are to advance the education of the public in matters relating to the history, natural environmental and social and cultural development of Pontardawe and the surrounding areas and of their inhabitants

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- City Of Swansea
- Neath Port Talbot

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£34,294	£28,693	-	-
2024-06-30	£17,996	£9,100	-	-
2023-06-30	£17,996	£9,100	-	-
2022-06-30	£9,649	£24,709	-	-
2021-06-30	£18,077	£17,832	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>JOHN OWEN JONES</b>	Chair	2016-10-01
Glenda Davies		2024-10-17
JANE ROSEMARY CARPENTER		2020-02-20
MERYL JAYNE HUNT		2016-10-01
MICHAEL GODFREY FULLER		2020-02-20

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## **2.Chairmans Report 2024-25.**

Welcome.

Our 'Year' started in July 2024 with an exhibition by Neath artist Sue Davies. A wonderful collection of canvases, showing seascapes to woodlands in oils.

In August we exhibited our own exhibition of David Papa Thomas, the Welshman who went to Pennsylvania with new ideas of smelting Iron ore. Of course, we also had some Festival Memorabilia on show.

We had Grant funding from Neath Port Talbot (Community Facilities Investment Fund) for a new central heating boiler which was installed in August 2024

In September Malcom Bubb brought banners showing the fight of the Miners of South Wales.

October we hosted Odd Objects, Sandra Jones and Heather Pudner, helping people to find a use for strange objects

In November Mike helped us remember our local heroes.

We again worked with the Town Council and hosted the Santas Grotto at the end of the Christmas lights Switch on. We hosted a Craft Day the following day which was well attended.

Pontardawe Art Club gave us Christmas/Victorian/Winter exhibition through December and January.

January was the start of our new Disabled Toilet again funded by NPT Community Facilities Investment Fund

February Martin Davies returned with a wonderful mix of art work

'Stitch' our resident sewing group celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March with an exhibition of amazing creations.

April we showcased the work of local artist Adrian Levy.

In May Mike put on an exhibition commemorating the 80 years since the end of World War 2 in Europe

At the end of June we had a town craft week event with Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor Centre at the hub. People were able to try a craft for free or at a subsidised fee. Thanks go to Pontardawe Town Council for helping to fund this event.

We had obtained Warm Hub funding for 2025 that enabled us to host visitors with free hot drinks and biscuits on Saturdays from January 4<sup>th</sup> until 29<sup>th</sup> March.

We re-opened fully Thursday to Saturdays on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We were lucky to get more Warm Space funding for craft days on Fridays for the month of March. We offered Glass fusing and Stitch classes free of charge, they were both very well attended.

### **Community Involvement: -**

Swansea Vale Railway Society meet on the first Monday evening of each month

Stitch sewing group meet Tuesday mornings.

Goldies Cymru Sing and Smile Sessions have fun on 1st Wednesday of the Month.

Swansea Valley History Society have their regular meetings on the third Wednesday of the month.

St Peters 'pop up' coffee shop always busy on Thursday morning

Astronomy group meet every other Friday evening.

Valley Folk Club thriving here 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday evenings, moving to Sunday afternoons in the Winter.

Private hire for parties

### **' One off's '**

**The Longest Yarn Touring Exhibition.** Well, this was an amazing exhibition, Thanks to Pontardawe Town Council for funding its transportation to us. A chance conversation by Glenda to one of the organisers and we were the first area in Wales to host this exhibition. We opened 6 days a week for the 3 weeks it was with us. A big Thank You to all the volunteers from The Stitch group, Local

WI, Clydach Heritage Centre and family and friends, we couldn't have done it without you. Nearly 2000 visitors !`

We look forward to the coming years with even more exciting projects and exhibitions.

### **Note to end**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gaynor Richards for her hard work and commitment to the Voluntary Services for the last 28 years in her roll as Executive Director of Neath Port Talbot Community Voluntary Service. Here's to a Happy Retirement and travels to New Zealand to see the family. Diolch yn fawr.

# Pontardawe Heritage and Visitors Centre

1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Balance in Barclays Bank 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 **£14,947.28** ✓

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
Grants	26317.79	£0.00	Rent	112.5 ✓
Membership	180	180	Utilities	1950.28 ✓
Donations	274	274	Insurance	820.37 ✓
Room Hire	3372	2262	Talk talk Wifi	112.33 ✓
Room Hire Sum up	545	0		
Sum UP	663.62	0		
Direct Sales	60	60	Refreshments	266.9 ✓
Com + Art Com	391.5	391.5	Water Barrel	348 ✓
Equi Hire	700	0		
Stage Hire	250	250	Loo hire	610.15 ✓
Raffle	144	144	Misc Costs	9.98 ✓
Kitchen Sales	363	363	Stationery	29.99 ✓
Craft Stall Holder	40	40	Artist fee	267.2 ✓
Petty Cash	73.06	73.06		
Paid in at Bank	<b>637.56</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	Card Payment	50.9 ✓
Talk Talk Refund	38.23	0	New Boiler	10779.99 ✓
Utility	18.61	0	New Toilet	9827.5 ✓
Miscellaneous	225.26		Wesite	127.19 ✓
			Petty cash	1800 ✓
			Warm Hub Craft	1580 ✓
<b>Total</b>	<b>34293.63</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>28693.28</b>

Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**£20,547.63** ✓

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Dear Sirs

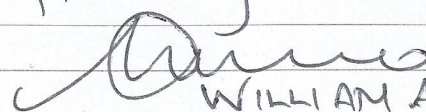
PONTARDAWE HERITAGE AND VISITORS CENTRE

Can I first of all thank you for giving me the opportunity of auditing the Heritage's accounts for the past 12 months.

Can I add, that the accounts were presented in an orderly professional and accurate <sup>deal</sup> format making my work a great easier. I would like to add that I cannot offer any advice that would improve the presentation or format of the accounts.

Taking this all on board, I am delighted to confirm the accounts are in excellent order and reflect an accurate summary of the activities of the Heritage Centre. I have been supplied with all the evidence required from the invoices, income and expenditure details and balance sheet to support my outcome.

Yours faithfully

  
WILLIAM ALISTAIR DAVIES

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor Centre
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	n/a
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1173060
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Brynamlwg, Graig Llangiwig, Pontardawe. Neath Port Talbot
<b>Postcode</b>	Sa8 4ps

### 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	John Owen Jones	Chair		
2	Meryl Jayne Hunt	Secretary		
3	Jane Carpenter			
4	Micheal Fuller			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Every Trustee must be appointed by the existing Charity Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance the education of the public in matters relating to the history, natural environment and social and cultural development of Pontardawe and surrounding areas and their inhabitants.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

We have a committee of volunteers and trustees who organise all activities and manage the building.

The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commissions public benefit guidance.

The Centre acts as a central 'Visitor Information' point for Tourism in the Swansea Valley, promoting local heritage walks and amenities (Glanrhyd Plantation, Glantawe, the Brecon Beacons, etc). It is a destination attraction for both local residents and visitors from outside the immediate area.

The Centre documents the history of Pontardawe by displaying exhibits and information to educate, promote and preserve the rich and diverse Heritage and Culture of the area. In addition to our permanent displays, we stage monthly exhibitions which are diverse in nature, ranging from Heritage to Arts and Crafts. On average, we receive about 50 impromptu visitors per month.

As well as the more ad hoc usage, the Centre receives more formal, regular use by a number of community groups including a local Astronomy group, a Stitch (needlework) group, Bereavement group and the Me, Myself and I a befriending group. These equate to roughly 300 users. All of these groups are open to receiving new members.

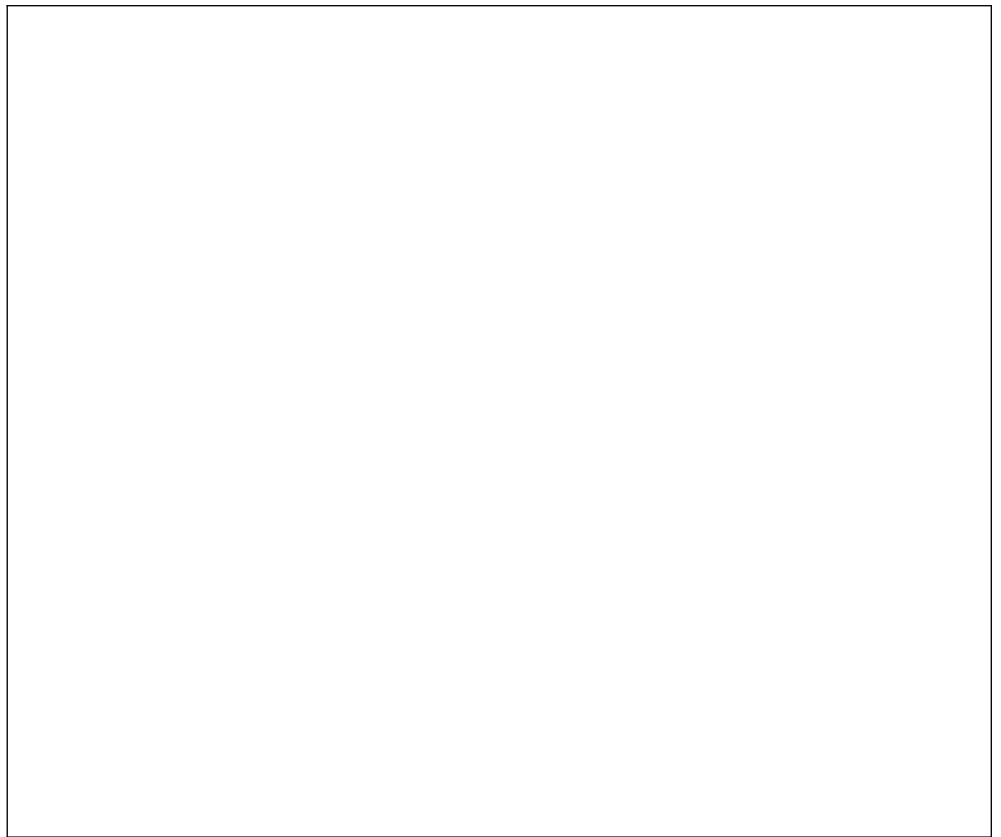
We host regular community events including History Talks, a Crafting week in June and regular Crafting Saturdays. Our contacts within the Arts and crafts community allow a potential route to engagement with the public, enabling local artisans to sell their products in the Center.

The Heritage center in the eyes of the committee is still a developing project and has already served to enhance the lives of visitors numbering in the 1000's.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We have developed into and recognised as a Community Hub

**Section E Financial review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We do not have a Reserves Policy

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.



**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Meryl Jayne Hunt	John Owen Jones
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Secretary	Chair

Date 

12/08/2024
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**Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor Centre**  
**1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023**  
**Statement**

Balance in Barclays Bank 30th June 2022 5,594.98

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Grants	12,900.00	Rent	1,875.00
Memberships	66.00	Utilities	5,129.09
Donations	753.08	Insurance	1,532.76
Direct sales	63.76	Displays & exhibitions	66.78
Commission	152.20	Equipment purchase	415.66
Room hire	1,860.98	Misc Costs	70.00
Kitchen sales	20.00	Premises maintenance	10.30
Equipment hire	1,210.00		
Special events	970.00		

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Total 23,591.00

Total

9,099.59

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**£14,491.41**

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Notes - Grants

Pontardawe Town Council	1,000.00	For staging of events
Pontardawe Town Council	2,000.00	Pop up shops/business start ups
Neath Port Talbot Council	2,400.00	Warm spaces
Neath Port Talbot Council	2,500.00	3rd sector grant
Neath Port Talbot Council	5,000.00	Business Support Fund

12,900.00

Notes - Donations

Momouthshire Building Society	493.00	Purchase of laptop & software
Various	260.08	
	753.08	

Events

Santa's Grotto	195.00	Including sales pf selection boxes
Harp concert	60.00	
Art exhibition commission	155.00	
Craft fairs and workshops	560.00	
	970.00	

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

PONTARDAWE HERITAGE + VISITORS CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

JUNE 2022

Charity no (if any)

1173060

Set out on pages

(Remember to include the pages numbers of any financial statements)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended JUNE 2022.

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:

[Signature]

Date:

01/10/2022

Name:

D. H. THOMAS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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**Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor Centre**  
**1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022**  
**Statement**

Balance in Barclays Bank 30th June 2021

20,655.81

<b>Income</b>	
Grants	6,139.70
Memberships	70.00
Donations	807.63
Direct sales	160.14
Commission	127.00
Room hire	929.49
Kitchen sales	60.00
Equipment hire	750.00
Special events	605.07

<b>Expenditure</b>	
Rent	2,500.00
Utilities	1,469.99
Insurance	1,796.20
Displays & exhibitions	17,415.98
Equipment purchase	470.00
Misc Costs	123.55
Premises maintenance	639.12
Events	295.02

9,649.03

Total 30,304.84

Total

24,709.86

Balance in Barclays Bank as per statement 30th June 2022

£5,594.98

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## Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor Centre

### Chairman's Report AGM 2021

Following a stop/start, quite confusing early 2021, we opened up to the public in July with Corona virus restrictions in place.

We were successful in our application to Mynydd y Betws to construct a housing for the All Saints Window, that Jane Carpenter had painstakingly put together.

The Pontardawe Town council part funded the costs.

Joh Harris created a wonderful light box and setting for the window, and we feel privileged to have two talented crafts people involved with the Heritage Centre.

The window along with a Gilbertson's exhibition, was very successful as a re-opening spectacle.

Our local artists exhibition attracted visitors, however no notable income.

We had a very successful exhibition of 'Dai Tenor'. This proved very popular and Trevor (Dai Tenor's son) along with David Williams a relative, did a lot of marketing for the exhibition, which attracted interest from S4C, and a very well put together piece in 'Prynhawn Dda' followed.

The icing on the cake was the inclusion of Pontardawe's very own Pavarotti – Dai Tenor in the Welsh List of notable people.

Our outdoor 'play' and fenced area and has given the outside space a welcoming and protected feeling upon arrival.

We held monthly craft markets for the past few months, which are growing in popularity.

All these above points have really put the centre on the map.

We have several groups now using the building, giving it a very community feel.

The current Locmine/Pontardawe twinning exhibition brought many visitors in for its opening.

The corona virus restrictions were a difficult time.

However, it has to be noted, the Government financial help really did secure the centre's future.

The funding received made sure we could stay economically viable.

Nevertheless, as always, the financial implications of running an educational/community/cultural building are always of utmost importance.

Exhibitions and historical presentations do not make much revenue.

The centre has a bit of a financial 'cushion' for the short term future, but we must always be mindful of creating a revenue stream.

For this matter we are forging ahead with our 'retail pods' project.

This type of project is being recognised by the Welsh Government as a means to help regenerate town centres. Known in corporate terms as 'Meanwhile Space'.

They are seen as affordable business start-ups.

The centre's managing committee are keen to create them in keeping with our Heritage theme, and Jon Harris who created the All Saints window was contacted for a quote to create four shops in the style of a Victorian street, reminiscent of Pontardawe's own shops.

Jon constructed a model impression of how they could look.

We applied to Mynydd y Betws fund to help with this construction, and were awarded £4,700 toward the costs.

We will need to apply for match funding the rest of the quote, amounting to £10,000.

These 'retail spaces' will be available to hire on an ad hoc basis. They will also be made in a way that two can fold back to the wall, to enable full use of the space in the hall, as it exists now.

In a relatively short time, and spanning a nationwide lockdown for several months, the centre has developed quite quickly.

It is very well used.

Our volunteer group is slowly growing, and we welcome our new committee members.

We hope to see our monthly craft markets grow, and look forward to some interesting forthcoming exhibitions, as well as another Christmas performance from Lighthouse Theatre.

We will close again over the 'off season' January – March 2022.

I consider the centre still as 'a work in progress', but we are making progress, and in 2022, I hope to be able to say, here is the finished product!

I'm sure though as a very forward looking, creative managing group we will be planning projects and developing the Centre for many years to come.

I have pleasure in concluding and forwarding this Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor centre Chairman's report for 2021.

Yours sincerely,

John Jones



**Pontardawe Heritage & Visitor Centre**  
**1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021**  
**Statement**

Balance in Barclays Bank 30th June 2020 20,411.23

<b>Income</b>				
Grants		17,914.00		
Memberships		70.00		
Donations		83.00		
Direct sales		-		
Commission		-		
Room hire		-		
Kitchen sales		10.00		
Equipment hire		-		
Special events		-		
<b>Total</b>			<b>18,077.00</b>	
				<b>38,488.23</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>				
Rent			3,125.00	
Utilities			912.61	
Insurance			1,077.09	
Displays & exhibitions			9,598.94	
Equipment purchase			99.96	
Consumables			138.11	
Special events			-	
Misc Costs			131.26	
Premises maintenance			1,642.94	
Admin - stationary, postage, etc			106.51	
Loan repaid			1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>17,832.42</b>	
				<b>£20,655.81</b>

Balance in Barclays Bank as per statement 30th June 2021

**£20,655.81**