

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 10th 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 4th until 29th March.

We re-opened fully Thursday to Saturdays on March 7th. 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 1st & 3rd and 5th 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

1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025

Balance in Barclays Bank 30th June 2024 **£14,947.28** ✓

Income

Grants	26317.79
Membership	180
Donations	274
Room Hire	3372
Room Hire Sum up	545
Sum UP	663.62
Direct Sales	60
Com + Art Com	391.5
Equi Hire	700
Stage Hire	250
Raffle	144
Kitchen Sales	363
Craft Stall Holder	40
Petty Cash	73.06
Paid in at Bank	637.56
Talk Talk Refund	38.23
Utility	18.61
Miscellaneous	225.26

Total **34293.63**

Expenditure

Rent	112.5 ✓
Utilities	1950.28 ✓
Insurance	820.37 ✓
Talk talk Wifi	112.33 ✓
Refreshments	266.9 ✓
Water Barrel	348 ✓
Loo hire	610.15 ✓
Misc Costs	9.98 ✓
Stationery	29.99 ✓
Artist fee	267.2 ✓
Card Payment	50.9 ✓
New Boiler	10779.99 ✓
New Toilet	9827.5 ✓
Website	127.19 ✓
Petty cash	1800 ✓
Warm Hub Craft	1580 ✓

28693.28

Balance as at 30th June 2025

£20,547.63 ✓

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Dear Sirs

PONTARDAWE HERITAGE AND VISITORS CENTRE

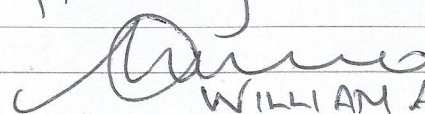
Can I first of all thank you for giving me the opportunity of auditing the Heritage's accounts for the past 12 months.

Can I add, that the accounts were presented in an orderly professional and accurate ^{deal} 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