



**Trustees Annual Report
Year Ending August 2025**

Charity Number 1179411

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1. Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Friends of Margam Park

Charity Registration: 117941

Registered Office and Operational Address: The Turbine
House, Margam Park, Margam, SA13 2TJ

2. Board of Trustees

Jemma Davies

Tracy Robbins

Theresa Davies

Doreen Nash

Peter Lindsay

John Carruthers

Clive Davies



3. Our Aims and objectives

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public in Neath Port Talbot and the surrounding area by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance, and improvement of Margam Country Park.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We will review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our working the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims of objectives they have set and how they complement the Parks aims and objectives.

Our organisational structure



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Our group has tremendous capacity for growth, we make every effort to involve members in our activities by ensuring members are aware of opportunities to volunteer for activities they are interested in and /or have specialist skills that will enhance the services the Friends can provide.

4. Our Group Structure



In year the decision was made to remove the Chair and Vice-Chair position in favour of an equal and inclusive board, focusing on the members at the centre of the charity.



5. The Focus of our Work

Our main objectives for the year continue to be the promotion and wellbeing of Margam Country Park.

We have continued to offer a range of walks and tours to park visitors, and our photography walks are becoming increasingly popular, with over twenty attendees per session. Arranging to photograph several deer feeds was very successful and the group have produced two excellent calendars for 2026 based upon their wildlife photographs.

Conducted tours of the castle is also very popular with visitors and it has also been a busy year for decorating the Castle. The Christmas staircase was a great success in silver and white. The focus then turned to several workshops preparing thousands of plastic poppies and paper doves for VE day and VJ day displays. Through grant aid we have purchased three iPads for use by visitors to the Castle and loaded a software package which displays photographs of the ground floor rooms as they appeared in the early 1900's.

We financed the design and manufacture of the Stag statue at the main entrance to the Castle. It is constructed from reclaimed metals, a symbol of strength cast from the past standing for the future.

The team who looks after maintaining and developing the Twyn yr Hydd gardens has had another busy year. Orchard



two has been restored and now has a row of pear trees, four rows of espalier apples and a row of willow to provide the material for Christmas wreath making. New members are always welcome at Twyn yr Hydd. Tours of the gardens together with a talk about the history of the house and gardens for organised groups have been very successful.

The Turbine House which is the base for the Friends of Margam Park and is manned daily has had another successful year with many visitors. Mobility scooters are available for hire at the Turbine House, and we have a variety of interesting displays about the history of the Park and give short talks about the turbine providing electricity to the castle and other buildings in the park long before electricity was widely available in Port Talbot and surrounding areas. Members also assist with the moth survey and assist the park train drivers with loading and unloading passengers at busy times. We also assist with the daily feeding and walking of the alpacas,

Our Courtyard room is also manned during the week and provides information leaflets and advice to visitors and assist in the court yard shop at busy times.

During school holiday times we provide approximately twenty-four days of Children's free activities in the Castle which are very popular with both children and parents. Due to the high demand for places, we usually have to hold two session per day. The dedicated group of Friends



who prepare all the activities and assist on the day continue to make these events very successful.

Who used and benefitted from our services?

Many people from the immediate community of Neath Port Talbot and visitors from much further afield have benefitted from our community service. Our craft and activities sessions continue to be extremely popular with visitors and are always well attended. There has been an increase in visitor numbers over the last year and we have received lots of positive feedback. The mobility scooters continue to be very popular and have enabled visitors to enjoy all areas of the park,

6. Principal Funding Sources


Besides the membership fees we have continued to make a steady income from donations received at our craft activities sessions throughout the year and from our small shop, located in the Turbine House.

7. Future Funding

There are currently no plans to obtain funding, opportunities will be discussed with the members ahead of applications being made.

8. Plans for Future Periods

We understand the mental and physical health benefits that walking and visiting the surroundings of the park can



bring. This continues to be of major importance to us as a group and we aim to assist as many of the public as possibly expanding our tours and walks.

Current and anticipated projects include:

- Health walks
- Replacement of wrought iron clairvoyees in Twyn yr Hydd walled garden
- Installation of sundial in Twyn yr Hydd walled garden

9. Business Planning

Our main focus will remain as assisting in the ongoing development of Margam Country Park.

10. Structure, Governance and Management

All members of the Trustees Board give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

All Trustees are subject to the Trustees Code of Conduct as published on our website.

Trustees Induction and Training

Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. New Trustees will be given guidance.

We also rely on the guidance given by the Charity Commission.



11. Policies

All policies are on our website for all Members to view. These can be requested in different formats and languages if requested.

The policies include:

- Grievance
- Trustee Duty of Care
- Guidance on Public Benefit
- Equal Opportunities
- Safeguarding
- Lone Working
- Volunteer Agreements
- Data Protection
- Reserves

12. Reserves

Our Reserves are set at £10,000.00

Scooter Hire:
 Cash Sales
 Sign:
 Print:
 Scooter Hire:



FRIENDS OF MARGAM PARK
 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1st AUGUST 2024 TO 31st JULY 2025

RECEIPTS

CASH IN BANK 1 st AUGUST 2024	7,717.50
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	10,123.84
BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	38.60
PETTY CASH FLOAT	38.50
SCOOTER HIRE FLOAT	30.00
SHOP FLOAT	30.00
TOMBOLA FLOAT	30.00
	<u>17,978.44</u>

INCOME

CFD ANNUAL CRAFT DONATION	500.00
DON DONATIONS	1,840.79
ELF ELF WALK	527.84
FUN FUNDING RECEIVED	1,837.67
GIF GIFT	35.00
MEM MEMBERSHIP FEES	582.00
MIS MISCELLANEOUS	52.29
MSH MOBILITY SCOOTER HIRE	1,219.84
PPS SUMUP PLANT SALES (MARGAM PARK)	44.30
REF BANK REFUNDS	146.35
SAL SHOP SALES	3,765.67
TRS TRANSFER OF FUNDS (FROM SAVINGS)	268.09
UNI UNIFORM SALES	288.00
	<u>11,107.84</u>

PAYMENTS	
ALP ALPACAS	72.94
ARC ARCHIVE PROJECT	7.01
BB BROADBAND & COMMS	635.94
CFT CRAFT SUPPLIES	685.74
CLO UNIFORM PURCHASED	174.00
CYD COURTYARD ROOM	125.00
ELF ELF WALK	708.94
GIF WEDDING GIFT (LISA INTERNS)	18.00
HIR ROOM HIRE	225.00
INS INSURANCE	669.50
IT IT & OFFICE	596.93
LHP LIVING HISTORY PROJECT	194.70
MER SHOP STOCK PURCHASES	2,187.14
MIS MISCELLANEOUS	230.09
MSO MICROSOFT 365 SUBSCRIPTIONS	614.29
PC PETTY CASH	120.00
PAS POSTAGE & STATIONERY	7.55
PRO FUNDED PROJECTS	1,828.77
SCU STAG SCULPTURE	3,150.00
SFP SELF FUNDED PROJECTS	179.11
SRP SCOOTER PARTS / REPAIRS	106.27
TAX TAX FEES	100.00
TUR TURBINE HOUSE	1,192.37
TYD TWYN YR HYDD	122.39
UNI UNIFORM (RETURNED & REFUNDED)	39.00
	<u>14,189.18</u>

CASH IN BANK 31st July 2025

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	4,643.71
BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT	10,000.00

Print: _____
Sign: _____
Cash Sales _____
Scooter Hire: _____

<u>MONIES HELD (FLOATS ETC)</u>	
SCOOTER HIRE FLOAT	22.50
SHOP FLOAT	33.00
BANKING TIN	106.09
	<u>14,805.30</u>

We, the trustees, hereby confirm that the 2024 - 2025 accounts be correct.

<u>JEMMA DAVIES</u>	_____
<u>PETER LINDSAY</u>	_____
<u>TRACY ROBBINS</u>	_____
<u>THERESA DAVIES</u>	_____
<u>JOHN CARRUTHERS</u>	_____
<u>DOREEN NASH</u>	_____
<u>CLIVE DAVIES</u>	_____

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