

CWTCH TOGETHER

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Details

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS, WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND DISABILITY AND THEIR SIBLINGS, PARENTS/CARERS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals, who have need of such facilities by reason of their learning difficulties and disability and their siblings, parents/carers with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cardiff

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£8,304	£18,229	-	-
2024-03-31	£27,196	£17,101	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,304	£17,258	-	-
2022-03-31	£20,607	£14,902	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,371	£5,017	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chelsea Harrington		2019-06-15
Claire Louise Doyle		2024-11-15
Claire-Ann Donoghue		2022-11-01

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Cwtch Together Trustees Report 2024/2025

We have had another busy, successful year thanks to all of our wonderful families, volunteers, and supporters. Please find below a breakdown of our activities this year.

Personnel

Active Trustees

Chelsea Harrington
Claire Donoghue
Celia Brooks
Claire Doyle (as of December)

Session Manager

Sarah D'Arcy

Staff Members

Rebecca Hughes
Sam Jones

Ambassador

Catherine Smith

Volunteers

Approximately 30 volunteers this year including Mike Sweeney, Chloe Brushett, Logan D'Arcy, Catherine Smith, Roy, members of the GoodGym, and members of Make A Smile.

Finance

Income: £8,303.71

Expenditure: £18,229.60

Monthly Breakdown

April

Our volunteer, Catherine Smith, held a Skittles fundraising evening at Whitchurch Rugby club. This is one part of her many fundraising events, we will find out the total raised from these at the end of 2025.

We hosted a private hire party on the 27th.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- Puzzle matching day
- Building day

- A rainy outdoor day for National Play Outside day

May

We hosted a 'Free to Families' council session on the 31st, this was evaluated on last year and the decision was made to have one extended session, instead of the two sessions in one day. This works better for us as we often had a lot of people not showing up after booking the free sessions when they were more structured, and this way the families can come and go as they please.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- Sports Day where everyone received a participation medal
- Spring Garden Day including taking part in the RSPB bird watch, as well as planting plants, and turning bottles into bird feeders
- Messy Madness, aimed at helping with anxieties around mess/germs brought in during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Colour Red Day
- We made charity badges with BRAWD for an upcoming fundraising event with a Male Voice Choir.

June

We had a meeting with the organisation Giving Is Human, who act as a fundraising site for people to make donations on, this wouldn't cost us anything but would take a significant amount of volunteer time ensuring our page is consistently updated, and advertising the site as often as they required from us. Due to this and the currently low amount of users, we have decided that this may be something we work with in the future.

Many of our brand new toys were damaged intentionally whilst being supervised by parents/guardians, this happened repeatedly for three weeks. We have asked parents to please stop the children from damaging our equipment as we are a small charity and cannot always afford to replace things, we also informed that we would ask the parents to replace items if they are clearly intentionally damaged, (of course we understand that breakages and accidents happen often, and sometimes can't be helped.)

A Cardiff Male Voice Choir held a fundraising evening and raffle at Whichurch Rugby Club, with proceeds coming to Cwtch Together and to BRAWD. This is part of the total from Catherine Smith that we will receive at the end of the year.

Session was cancelled on 22nd due to staff illness.

Session did not take place on 29th due to planned staff annual leave.

C3SC continued their contract with us so will continue to do our payroll moving forward.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- A Circus Workshop, with Andy Horobin Entertainment, who taught our children how to take photographs through a clear globe. This fascinated our children, so after this, Sarah donated a clear globe to Cwtch Together for the older kids to take photos with her phone.
- World Oceans Day, we used water trugs and imitation litter, and gave the kids litter pickers to 'clean up the ocean!' This was one of the most successful ideas this year, the kids loved it!
- Fathers Day messy play, we made cards, but also tried to downplay the theme of the day due to a recent loss.

July

The GoodGym volunteers attended on 25th, focusing on gardening at the back of the hall. This area has a lot of wild stingy nettles which they cleared, as well as helping to clear the area so that the Scouts can get to the roof to get the guttering repaired to prevent leaking.

Due to issues last summer with children removing their clothes and being outside, we bought shower curtains and hung them to the railings, using them to block off the view from the adjacent park, as well as the end of the garden by the car park. We also put these curtains on the other side of the garden, as our new neighbours have started filling the area with rubbish, so we have done this to make the garden look tidier. This also helped us when leaving donated garden toys outside to use all summer, we were safe leaving the toys out and had no issues.

Catherine Smith hosted a folk and county night at Whitchurch Rugby Club, she also hosted a poker night, but this wasn't advertised in advance due to some of the proceeds raised being donated to BRAWD.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- National Thank You Day, we made cards for teachers, parents, and our volunteer Roy
- Starting to prep for summer! We played with Hama beads, chalks, and bubbles.
- Arts and Sensory session.
- Lots of outdoor play, including painting wooden toys outside.

August

On the 2nd we hosted the Cardiff Council's first Free to Families session, the main issue with this session was people not showing up after booking, because it is free there is less commitment to attending or cancelling. Our first session we had 18 families booked in and only 6 attended. The council has said they will be stricter this year, and will say that families cannot book onto the next session if they fail to show up when booked (without giving us notice) Decided to rename the sessions from Free Fridays, to Sessions At No Cost To Families.

On the 17th we were closed for the afternoon for a private party booking.

We created printed receipts for children that attend with Social Services staff to take back with them.

GoodGym volunteers attended to help us with more gardening.

Unfortunately money has again gone missing from our honesty box in the kitchen. It has accumulated to over £70 throughout the year. We now have one person wearing a cash bum-bag, as we unfortunately can no longer have the honesty box moving forward.

At the end of August we relaunched our annual Membership Scheme, which costs £25 per person if paid into our bank, £26 if paid via PayPal, and includes the following...

- £1 off per child per week
- Priority booking for council sessions
- Party Pack only available for members
- Discount for Claire Doyle Photography.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- Sensory outdoor play, including water guns. Advance notice was given to parents to bring a change of clothes for children wanting to take part.
- Olympics day, we made medals and panned for gold in sand. We also hosted a one day raffle.
- Foam Machine - this was fun, but we needed additional support for the clean up afterwards, this is suitable for an outside activity.
- A Barbie morning.
- Summer fun and messy play.
- Food tasting (summer fruits) and crafts.

September

Our Insurance renewed on 7th with Markle Insurance. We have had a lot of weather damage to our storage units this year, but haven't made any claims on our insurance. Thankfully, most of the damage has been to second hand donated items. Our neighbour/volunteer Roy checks on the units for us every time there is bad weather, and has fixed the roofing for us several times. We sadly can't make the units more stable, and will have to replace them in the future. There was a lot of damage to our photography back drops, we have tried to store as much as possible off the floor moving forward

Logan D'Arcy has started work experience with us, setting up and tidying away before and after our sessions. This was suggested to us by his school, as he is unable to take part in traditional work experience through the school due to his phobia of germs.

Chelsea ordered a logo ink stamp for our library of books. We will use this on books donated to us, which will then have our stamp on them when being donated back to the community.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- A visit from Ebbw Vale Owl Sanctuary, this was a very successful sell out session, so we will be doing this again.
- A Superhero session with food tasting.
- Autumn leaf painting.
- Holistic Sounds with Cheryl Gallea, this was very different and very much enjoyed by our children. Cheryl donated her time pro bono.

October

The 4th saw the finale of Catherine Smith's fundraising evenings at Whitchurch Rugby Club. This included a raffle, hook-a-duck game, etc.

On the 5th we hosted a 3rd birthday party for one of our children.

Our contact for the Scout Hall, Gerwyn, has left the organisation, and our new contact moving forward will be Kylie.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- Spooky crafts, decorations made in advance of our Halloween party.
- Spooky playdoh, pumpkin tasting.
- Halloween party which was a sell out as usual. Next year we are hoping to have the party on a Sunday, and potentially open the Saturday up as an open day for the public, or for a fundraising event, if we have the staffing levels available.

November

We hosted a Free to Families session with the council.

The GoodGym volunteers visited us again.

With the help of volunteer Kirsty McGowen, we used Hobbycraft glass jars, and sensory fillings such as coloured rice, chick peas, and pasta, and sold them at our sessions with suggested donations of £1.50 for bags and £2.50 for glass jars, complete with Cwtch Together logo stickers. The fillings have also been organised for easy use at Saturday sessions.

We had a few issues this month with staff not showing up to scheduled shifts, luckily our volunteer Michael Sweeney was available to help out on most occasions.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- Colour coordinated balls in tents from our ball pit.
- Seasonal Crafts
- Winter Crafts.
- Christmas decorations making.
- Tik Tok experiments, and potions.
- Stem activities as shared and suggested by parents and guardians.
- Science sessions.
- Sensory fun.

December

We cancelled the Saturday session on 8th due to a Red Weather Warning put in place. Due to the weather, panels popped out of two of our storage units, and the front roof popped out of two. A nearby tree fell and was stuck in the unit at the back. Our neighbour/volunteer Roy went in alone to fix these issues for us.

We contacted our insurance for advice on weather to open, and the Charity Commission suggested we could open on Sunday instead of Saturday, and the Scouts were happy for us to have the hall on this occasion.

Catherine Smith arrived to a session with a Christmas gift for our children. She had brought two members of the charity BRAWD with her to play with the children, and they had also brought a Christmas gift for each individual child. Catherine informed us that she had raised £1,610 for Cwtch Together throughout the year. What a fantastic achievement.

On the 10th the GoodGym volunteers attended, due to the weather they helped loads with indoor activities such as cleaning and organising toys, cleaning the kitchen, and getting rid of cobwebs in hard to reach areas.

We hosted our Christmas Party on the 14th. Michael came to visit the kids dressed as Santa. Claire Doyle also volunteered for the day. Unfortunately one of our members of staff, Sam, didn't show up again, even though we talked with him the day before about how he would have to leave early due to other personal commitments. This let us down but luckily we had Michael and Claire there to support our other staff members. This would unfortunately be the last time we would hear from Sam Jones, who would eventually leave Cwtch Together as a member of staff.

Claire Doyle joined our Board of Trustees, she has been involved in the charity as a volunteer for a while, and is well liked and trusted by our current trustees, staff members, and attending families. Claire took Christmas pictures of the children, and edited them to put Santa in the scene. This had a lot of very good feedback from families, and a number of parents even changed their Facebook profile images to these edited images.

We were lucky enough to receive very generous donations totalling £250 from Gemma Need, and her mum Christine Need.

On the 24th we were informed that someone had nominated Sarah for an 'Inspiring Person in Grangetown' award with Luna Promotions, and that she had won the award and a £100 prize!

GoodGym asked if we would be able to make 90 hand made Christmas Cards for a care home that they volunteer at. Sarah and Chloe did this for them.

We had to reinforce the importance of parents and guardians supervising kids, we printed and posted new signage to support this.

We purchased an indoor privacy screen, to protect the children's dignity when changing nappies in the back room, and we have pull out mats for older kids.

We bought new soft place which is bulky to store but definitely worth it, the kids love it and it is used weekly.

Our volunteer Chloe has started helping with our Instagram account, with supervision from her mum due to her age.

Asda Community Champions from the Leckwith, Coryton, and Cardiff Bay stores got in touch as they have been given pots of money to donate to local charities, and have been told they need to donate to non-sporting organisations. All three locations are looking at us. Leckwith have applied for us to have a £1,000 grant for sessions aimed at Teenagers. In April we will be able to apply for something else. Cardiff Bay are starting their grant applications in April 2025, they would like us to apply for a disabled toilet, but the Scouts are already applying for this as it is their hall. We need decent storage so we may use this opportunity for this.

Roy has helped us look into replacement outdoor storage units, and suggested three 20 foot insulated shipping containers. These should have wood inside to drill shelving units, instead of needing the freestanding units. We would need to cut the containers to ensure our fire exit space still has the room for wheelchairs.

We received an anonymous £50 donation from Catherine Smith's open mic night at Whitchurch Social Club in July.

January

We had issues this month with parents coming with carers from the organisation Pro-Care, we've had to contact the company to complain about the way that two carers were behaving with Amy, manhandling and mishandling her, this resulting in the two carers being fired.

We received a new sensory table donated to us by Cardiff Council as they are unfortunately no longer allowed to store anything in their units.

A charity called New Life contacted us to donate three bags of toys, they are hoping to continue to support us with donations of toys in the future, as they mostly work with furniture.

Social Service's Children Home have started coming along quite often, with approximately 6 children, using us as a safe place to meet with parents etc. They have said we are the only service that they are comfortable visiting for this reason as they are treated the same as everyone else. All the carers we have met this way have been lovely and we are happy to be here for them.

Cardiff Council have changed their policy, and now no longer allow volunteers without a police check. This was relayed to us very last minute so we were unable to let Chloe volunteer as she is not old enough to get a DBS check. Our new volunteer Charlie, who started in January, is waiting for her ID. Charlie has no experience with disability but does with home education, she loves cleaning but is unsure if she will become a permanent volunteer due to other personal commitments.

We will arrange a DBS check for Charlie and Chloe soon, Sarah's (Enhanced) runs out in the summer so will also get this sorted, they are now approximately £108 each.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- Jewellery Making and Bead Work
- Recycling week with boxes and loose parts play

- Star Painting and Star wool shapes, we wrapped wool around a parent tied to a chair... maybe avoid this activity in the future!
- Sweet Treat Week, using up left over Halloween sweets, with a Feb best before date.
- RSPB Bird Watch week. We received stickers and certificates and made bird feeders, we also logged everything online.

February

Sarah completed her Food Hygiene Level 2 and Buckle Training.

GoodGym volunteers attended on 7th, cleaning our path way with torches.

We have talked with Chloe and due to the great job she is doing with our Instagram she will be setting us up with a Tik Tok account when she turns 16 in May. Our kids have enjoyed making Tik Tok trends and experiments videos

Chelsea arranged for us to have a free premium account on Canva, this will make our advertising and creative work easier. Claire Doyle and Sarah D'Arcy also have access to this.

We purchased a new stepping stone, and rocking rainbow shape things.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- Animal antics
- Valentines, icing biscuits and creating bracelets.
- National recreational sports and fitness day, we teamed up with Thrive for this session at our hall, as they are currently struggling to get attendees.
- Make-A-Smile attended with princesses and Spider Man, they played with make up and our children loved it.
- We played with our new wooden castle, a big hit!
- 'Free From Friday' we created gluten free pancakes which went down well.

March

A DBS checked volunteer from BRAWD attended.

GoodGym volunteers attended on 4th and cleaned the inside of the Scout Hall, they have offered to paint our walls as ours currently aren't waterproof so can't be cleaned properly.

MV Lec did our PAT Testing, free of charge! We're very grateful for their support.

The District Commissioner now does our Scout Hall invoices.

We have had 8 locals for the door to the back room this year, one cost us £25. Roy is going to help us come up with a solution to this.

We purchased a medical role play doll set from Eto, the second hand shop in Barry, for £25. We have a mutual partnership with them where we advertise them and they will let us know

when they get something donated that they think we will like.

We ordered and set up a Sum Up card machine, this is connected to Sarah's phone but can be used away from the phone. This has minimal fees and is so much easier to use for sessions.

Sarah completed Radicalisation and Online Safety training.

Our themed sessions this month included...

- St David's Day / Amy's 10th Birthday, dolls, dancing, painting
- World Book Day, we gave away loads of books to parents, one said that their school was looking for book donations so we helped with that.
- Charlie created and laminated pictures of Zog, we had a treasure hunt and a wordsearch.
- Dolly baths.
- Bike races
- Odd Sock Day (Down Syndrome Awareness Day) Chloe organised this day where we also made puppets from socks.
- Mothers Day, choc biscuits, Chloe suggested ideas for today's session, she is getting more confident with getting involved and given more freedom to run sessions.

Opening Balance	£20,050.14			
Month	Income	Expenditure	+/-	Balance
April 2024	£466.13	£2,003.33	-£1,537.20	£18,512.94
May 2024	£510.65	£1,028.02	-£517.37	£17,995.57
June 2024	£206.09	£1,963.04	-£1,756.95	£16,238.62
July 2024	£1,204.77	£946.11	£258.66	£16,497.28
August 2024	£169.73	£1,134.94	-£965.21	£15,532.07
September 2024	£1,278.05	£2,759.81	-£1,481.76	£14,050.31
October 2024	£372.17	£1,846.27	-£1,474.10	£12,576.21
November 2024	£748.30	£1,187.07	-£438.77	£12,137.44
December 2024	£2,285.13	£1,948.84	£336.29	£12,473.73
January 2025	£563.27	£1,147.09	-£583.82	£11,889.91
February 2025	£129.70	£1,317.27	-£1,187.57	£10,702.34
March 2025	£369.72	£946.81	-£577.09	£10,125.25
Total	£8,303.71	£18,228.60	-£9,924.89	
Closing Balance	£10,125.25			

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Cwtch Together Annual General Meeting 2024

In attendance:

Sarah Darcy
Chelsea Harrington

Apologies:

Claire Donoghue
Celia Brooks

We would like to welcome you to our AGM.

We have had another busy, successful year thanks to all of our wonderful families, volunteers, and supporters. Please find below a breakdown of our 2023-2024 financial year.

April 2023

Last April we put together a new Cwtch menu and had to change a few prices due to the increase in costs, this menu has worked well all year.

We bought some lovely Eid dolls, Ramadan books, and Arabic alphabet cookie cutters.

Our friends at The GoodGym cut the grass outside the hall.

April was a really wet month however we enjoyed the mud patch outside.

We held our annual Easter party and sold out of spaces for both the morning and afternoon sessions, and teamed up with Cardiff Council to offer free sessions during the Easter half term break.

May 2023

May was a lot warmer - we had fun in the sun playing outside.

We changed our afternoon session time slightly to give us enough time to tidy the hall after the sessions.

We had a coronation party which was funded by The Moondance Foundation and we were on the UK Government's official coronation event map.

Make a smile hosted a Jedi Training Day with us.

We held a surprise party for our volunteer, Chloe.

Our volunteer, Non, ran the Bristol Half Marathon and raised £70 for us. (donated through paypal)

The GoodGym once again came to help us with the gardening at the hall.

We had fun painting rocks and hiding them in various parks around Cardiff.

June 2023

To help our families with the current cost of living crisis, we held a free session where we had donated clothes from 1-12 years that our families were able to have free of charge. This was really appreciated by a lot of our families.

We started a new album on Facebook called 'Art Gallery' so we can take pictures of the children's art work and share it with our Facebook audience.

We have a new Lego table which the children are really enjoying.

We have a new notice board at the entrance to our sessions with all of our important information including our certificates, and a reminder that parents need to supervise their children at all times whilst at Cwtch.

We also added signs in the kitchen and on the doors saying that children are not allowed in the kitchen for safety reasons. We also bought an extra large dog safety gate as children were able to climb the child safety gate already installed.

Mike Sweeney, a local carpenter and long time supporter of Cwtch, volunteered his time to fix the kitchen door and add sliding locks to the top of the kitchen, side room, and bathroom doors, so that adults can lock them for safety.

We again teamed up with Cardiff Council during half term to provide free sessions. These sessions, although fully booked, were very quiet with many no-shows. This is something we are seeing more and more when we provide free sessions.

We enjoyed learning important life skills, icing biscuits, and making sandwiches

July 2023

We had a safety talk with South Wales Police about 'Stranger Danger' and road safety.

We put wood underneath the gate so dogs aren't able to get into the garden, and so the children can't try to crawl under.

We bought and built a new wooden sand box, and three water trays.

We were donated many dressing up outfits.

The GoodGym weeded the path and helped us get rid of unwanted soil in the garden.

As we have sole use of the building during the summer holidays we put giant pvc dinosaurs, shower curtains, and other vinyl all along the fence looking into the park to give our children more privacy while playing.

Due to an incident involving one of our children opening the main gate after they had finished their session, we installed a combination lock which only the parents/carers and staff have the code for. The lock code is 02512, with a button at the bottom of the lock to unlock. Please ensure the gate is locked after you.

We deep cleaned the hall.

We participated in Youth Skills Day and also helped families with the cost of living crisis by providing snacks that the children could make themselves and enjoy during the sessions.

Parents Naomi and Louise volunteered their time by helping us empty Unit 2, reorganise, and clean it.

We celebrated National Thank You Day, 4th of July, and National Postal Workers Day.

All memberships ended in July 2023.

August 2023

All memberships needed to be renewed in August.

Our membership package this year consists of:

- £1 reduction for each child per session
- Priority booking for Cardiff Council provided free sessions
- Photography package discount with Claire Doyle Photography
- Party Package 1 (private hire) = Hall hire @ £40, food @ £40 and £2.50 per child
- Party Package 2 (usual Saturday session) = food @ £40 and £3 each per child (Parents/carers to bring cakes for both packages)

Cardiff Council provided play sessions most Fridays.

We greeted so many new families this month.

Our insurance has been renewed and updated to cover the extra equipment we now have.

Cardiff Council brought in a new policy regarding their free sessions with us - from now on, if parents don't give 24 hours notice that they will not be attending, they will not be able to book onto the next 2 free sessions. This may not be welcomed but is the only fair solution as we are turning many families away due to being fully booked.

As sunny days have been extremely warm we have had tents outside so the children have somewhere in the shade to play.

We provided suncream for parents to apply if needed.

September 2023

We started September off with a private party booking, and followed that with an end of summer Pirate Party complete with maps and chocolate treasure!

We held an autumn themed session, Wacky Waffle Week and National Teddy Bear's Day, followed by a party for our 2 year anniversary!

Rebecca Hughes started working for Cwtch Together - many children and parents already know Rebecca from our Cardiff Council sessions.

Our staff attended the Autism Live show hosted by The Autism Directory at the Cardiff City Stadium to network, spread the word about Cwtch Together, and lookout for information and leaflets to bring back to our parents/carers.

We took all of the decorations down from the railings ready for The Scouts to resume their sessions after the summer.

Students from Cardiff University who are studying Autism visited a Saturday session to meet with parents and get an insight into having children with Autism.

October 2023

We worked with Single Parents Wellbeing to offer a free session for single parents.

We now have advertisements in The Primary Times.

We held a 'bath fizzers and dolls' session so we could 'pamper' dolls, and a messy madness session that was very popular and sold out.

We deep cleaned the back room, hall, and toilets.

Cardiff Council provided a session in half term.

November 2023

After multiple issues with Barclays Bank, and increasing concern for the security of our funds and confidential information, we managed to finally move away from them and open a new account with Lloyds Bank. We have pinned a post on our Facebook page with information to move payments into our new account.

The Primary Times have advertised Cwtch Together once again.

MB-Lec have once again completed our PAT testing for free - big thanks to such a lovely company.

We are officially taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week with posters, certificates, and free advertisement from the organisation.

We bought a new puppet theatre, did firework paintings, and held a session where we painted poppy stones which Sarah then took to a Remembrance Service.

We used acrylic paint to decorate a dolls house so that we have our very own bespoke house.

December 2023

This month we are breaking up for Christmas on 16th December.

Our Christmas party was held on 2nd December with special guest ... Santa bringing presents for the children - we completely sold out for this event.

On 9th December we made Christmas decorations and cards.

On 16th December we held a Breakfast With Santa event which also sold out. We used the festive photography backdrops for each session.

We were donated a giant Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer toy by Catherine Smith which we used as the subject and the prize for a 'guess the reindeer's age' competition, won by Ava.

We made bird friendly reindeer dust.

Metro Bank visited with a donation of arts and crafts supplies.

Gilbee Gonk and Eric Elf's Facebook page is back up and running with the elves doing good deeds everyday in December.

January 2024

Our 2024 Cwtch Together Ambassadors are announced as Catherine Smith and Kieran Henderson.

We were donated a punching bag and gloves by Teejay Harrington to help develop proprioceptive skills.

We held a 'yellow week' session, and another session provided by Cardiff Council.

We took part in The Big Garden Bird Watch with the RSPB. They provided us with a bird hunt, stickers, and certificates. We even made vegan friendly bird food.

We hosted a child-led craft session.

Due to the cold weather, we started to go to the hall 3 hours early to turn on the heating and warm up the hall ready for the sessions.

The GoodGym visited in the rain and wind and cleared the back area of the garden for us and again to help us with the hall set up.

We received a donation of £100 from a generous supporter named Johan.

We started our grant application with The National Lottery Awards For All.

We focused on deep cleaning the kitchen.

Eto, a preloved kids store in Barry agreed to advertise Cwtch Together.

Cardiff Council provided a session on 5th January.

February 2024

We bought some new country music CD's to play at Saturday sessions as many of the children enjoy it.

We bought a new spinning seat and wheely chair which the children love.

We celebrated Pancake Day, Chinese New Year, and hosted a Valentine's Day party.

We are now providing regular food tasting during sessions ensuring children are given the opportunity to try different foods even during the cost of living crisis.

March 2024

We started March off with a private party booking and had St. David's Day fun in the afternoon.

We planned our Easter Party during a Cardiff Council planned session allowing us to host it as a free event, helping families during the cost of living crisis.

We bought new grass mats and threw away our stained mats. We also bought new sensory toys.

Great news - we were accepted for The National Lottery Awards For All grant of £19,218 which will fund our project for 18 months. We held a celebration!

We were donated photo booth props from Claire Doyle Photography.

We gave each child Mothers Day gifts to gift to their mums.

We held an odd sock day for Down Syndrome awareness.

We hosted a book give-away and officially took part in World Book Day with certificates, colouring sheets, and event ideas from the official site.

The Goodgym volunteered by cleaning all the wooden doors, radiators, and floor in the hall.

Claire Doyle photography held a Sunday session at the hall offering parents a £20 package with no sitting fee.

Looking forward in 2024

We have booked in a visit for a Circus Workshop and Sarah is looking to book animal workshops to visit Cwtch during the sessions.

Our volunteer Chloe is doing an amazing job and is currently smashing her Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

Learning about how much the cost of living crisis is affecting our families, we are going to provide more food based activities such as food tasting and preparation.

We will continue our Facebook art gallery, aiming to put a calendar together for 2025.

We aim to make a new batch of staff t-shirts, and we'll make uniforms compulsory for staff for safety and ease of identifying members of the team, ensuring that both children and parents/carers know who is a trusted member of Cwtch Together.

We aim to sell a range of Cwtch Together branded t-shirts by Christmas.

We want to clear the area around the back of the Scout Hall with The GoodGym to make it useable.

During any Cardiff City football matches where trouble may be expected, we will always have a police presence outside the hall ensuring safety for our families. If session times need to change to avoid clashing with kick off or the end of the match we will adjust sessions accordingly.

Finances

In the 2023 - 2024 financial year, we had a total income of £29,856.11, and total outgoings of £19,761.52.

Closing

A big 'thank you' to Roy, our friendly Scout Hall neighbour who is always there whenever we need help or for when we inevitably break something.

Thank you to all our supportive families, volunteers, trustees, and the folks at 15th Cardiff Scouts, and The GoodGym for keeping Cwtch Together thriving!

Cwtch Together staff are paid via C3SC, who we have hired to ensure all payroll and HMRC processes are followed correctly.

Trustees, Staff, and Volunteers

All trustees are happy to remain on the board moving into the new year, these include:

Chelsea Harrington (Chair)

Claire Ann Donoghue (Secretary)

Celia Brooks (Treasurer)

Cwtch Together staff members going into the 2024-2025 financial year are the following:

Sarah D'Arcy (Manager)

Sam Jones (Play Worker)

Rebecca Hughes (Play Worker)

Our regular Saturday session volunteers consist of:

Chloe Brushett

Anastasia Jones

If anyone would like to volunteer or learn more about becoming a Trustee, please talk to Sarah D'Arcy, or WhatsApp her on 07986 553361

Opening Balance	£9,955.55			
Month	Income	Expenditure	+/-	Balance
April 2023	1367.02	1503.04	-136.02	9819.53
May 2023	1028.23	2069.78	-1041.55	8777.98
June 2023	550.98	1019.83	-468.85	8309.13
July 2023	4.00	1527.09	-1523.09	6786.04
August 2023	454.00	876.90	-422.90	6363.14
September 2023	1513.86	2464.52	-950.66	5412.48
October 2023	258.77	923.46	-664.69	4747.79
November 2023	219.04	2296.78	-2077.74	2670.05
December 2023	35.00	683.48	-648.48	2021.57
January 2024	1447.55	1233.90	213.65	2235.22
February 2024	19958.61	1001.75	18956.86	21192.08
March 2024	359.00	1500.94	-1141.94	20050.14
Total	27196.06	17101.47	10094.59	
Closing Balance	20050.14			



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Cwtch Together

On accounts for the year
ended

05 April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1182360

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **05/04/2024**.

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

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: J. Barker

Date: 28/01/2025

Name: Jackie Barker

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Pension Professional

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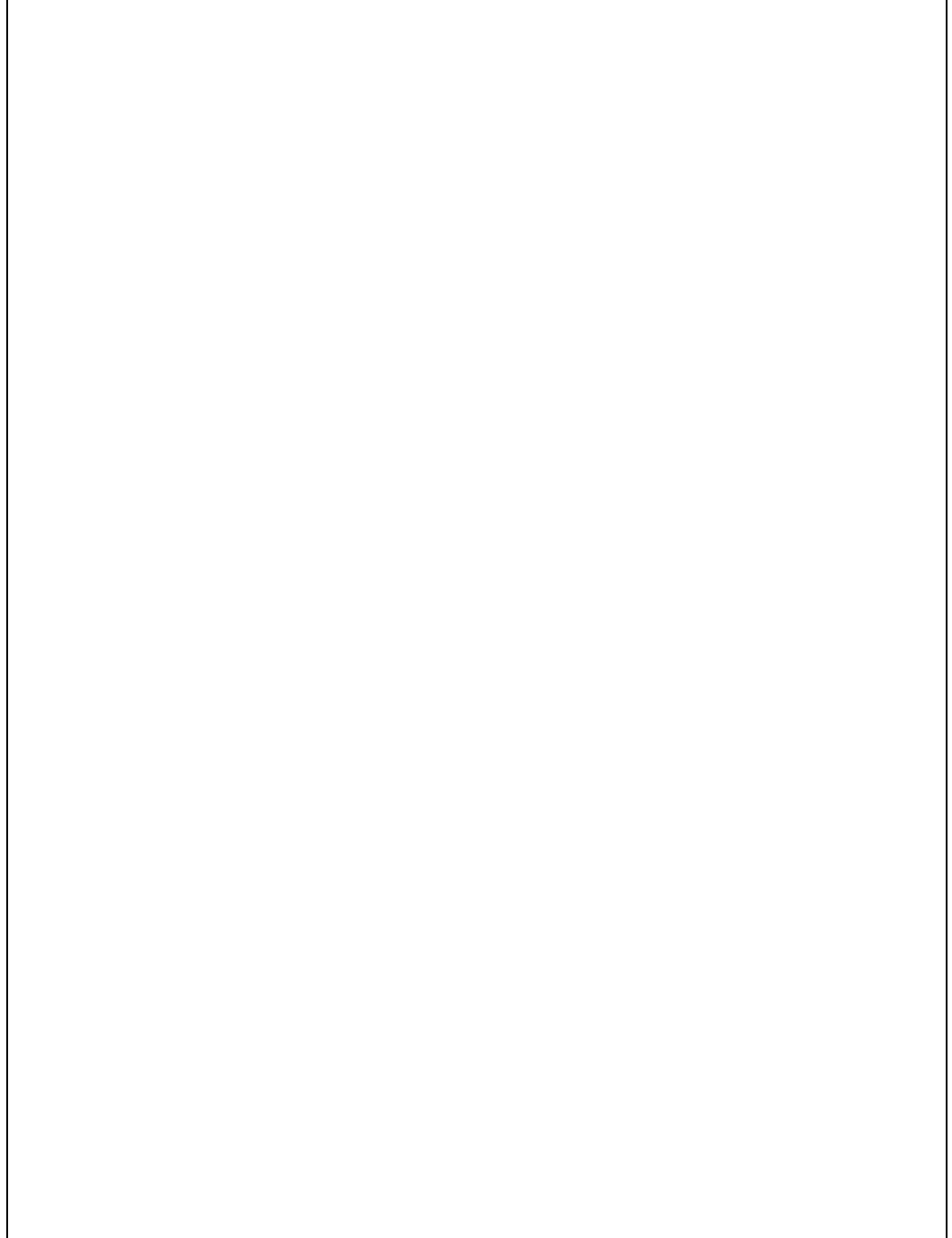
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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Cwtch Together 2022-23 Annual General Meeting

Registered Charity #1182360

Friday 14th April 2023

In attendance:

Chelsea Harrington - Chair
Claire Ann Donoghue - Secretary
Sarah D'Arcy - Manager

Apologies:

Celia Brooks - Treasurer

Trustees / Staffing / Volunteers Update

First, we'd like to start by welcoming the new members of our team, starting with Claire Ann Donoghue, our new Secretary. Claire has worked for the NHS for many years as a nurse, as well as having family members with learning/physical disabilities, and she is very knowledgeable and understanding. Claire has previously helped with setting up and clearing up our Saturday sessions and wanted to help further so joined our Board of Trustees.

Chelsea has now stepped up to the position of Chair, and Celia Brooks is now our Treasurer.

After a number of years serving on the Board of Trustees, Sarah D'Arcy has stepped down to become an employee. She will take the position of Project Manager. Sarah will continue her duties of organising, planning, advertising, and running the sessions, as well as ensuring the day-to-day communications, and the weekly paperwork is completed. We are able to pay Sarah up to 12 hours a week for the work she provides. Sam Jones will remain as our only employed Play Worker.

The Trustees and management have a WhatsApp group, which acts as a bridge between the Board and the Staff at the Saturday sessions, ensuring that all information relating to Cwtch is recorded in one place and is accessible for all involved in the running of Cwtch Together.

We have been lucky enough to take on new volunteers this year.

Non Humpries, who is a bilingual speaker, enabling us to better connect to our Welsh language session attendees. Non is able to update our Facebook page and answer any queries in both Welsh and English, as well as helping out during our sessions. Non also has a child with additional needs, and has autism herself.

Dave Shafto, Non's husband, who has a child with additional needs and is eager to help. Dave often has great ideas for our sessions, is our resident handy-man when we need things to be

repaired, and also helps out during our sessions.

Anastasia Lewis, who works at a special resource base in a school, and has family members with additional needs. Anastasia uses her own initiative while helping during our sessions.

Grace Smith, one of our newest volunteers, has family members with suspected additional learning needs, and is very eager to be part of our team.

Lastly, Chloe Bushett has joined us as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award. Chloe's twin has Downs Syndrome, and Chloe has been a young carer from an early age. It is evident how caring, patient, and understanding she is as she has been amazing with the children, playing with them and bonding with them. We have benefited greatly by having her on our team.

The Year at Cwtch Together

This financial year we have been very busy with a variety of fun events including; Visits from reptiles, Ponies at my Party, and Ebbw Vale Owl Sanctuary. A football session, circus workshop, jubilee party, rock painting sessions, National Tent Day activities, and many more.

Every Saturday we have hosted two themed sessions. Quite often our morning sessions are sell-outs, we cap the sessions at 14-16 children so it isn't too busy or noisy for the families attending.

In the summer, we teamed up with Grangetown Art Trail, and took part in their Dinosaur Jurassic Trail. We hope to work with them again this year.

During half term we worked with Cardiff Council Play Services offering a free Friday play session. This worked really well and we have since repeated the sessions every half term offering extra sessions on a Friday. We will continue this partnership as it works well and is mutually beneficial. Our families find the extra sessions during the holidays helpful.

We worked with Single Parents Wellbeing to offer a session exclusively for single parents of children with additional needs.

We have also worked with Make A Smile, who come to our sessions every other week. The third Saturday of each month they run a session at the Scout Hall. Cwtch Together provide the hall space, staff, and toys, and Make A Smile run the session. We advertise the session jointly, and these sessions work really well for both Cwtch Together and Make A Smile. It is lovely to see the Make A Smile volunteers' confidence grow as they become more familiar with the setting and the children at our sessions.

We have been lucky enough to gain many new toys in this financial year, and have organised our storage units at the Scout Hall. We were able to donate some soft toys and blankets to a

local dog's home, and have given away books and craft supplies to help support our families on many occasions. We need to organise a cleaning rota going forward to ensure our toys are kept in the best condition for our children. From now on, our material beanbags, blankets, soft play items, and larger cushions, will only be used for indoor play to protect their longevity.

We will ask parents to continue to monitor their children's use of our toys and equipment, as although we don't mind most toys getting messy during play, we will ask them to stop if toys are being misused and damaged.

We are still in contact with our friends at Cwmpas, who have helped with advice and gardening.

We have also had the wonderful team of volunteers at The GoodGym Cardiff visit regularly on a Tuesday evening to help with gardening, maintenance, and any other tasks we have asked of them.

We are now helping over 130 families, with quite a few members regularly attending weekly sessions. Where possible, we are able to tailor activities to specific children's interests.

We have an increasing number of members, and to help organise our memberships and make it easier to manage, we charged just £1 per month before August 2023. In August, we will be launching our new membership scheme. This will be £20 a year for a family, and will offer many benefits including reduced admission, priority booking onto free sessions, exclusive discounts with Clickety Claire Photography, a membership card and booklet, and the opportunity to book a party package.

Party Packages

Package 1

Private hire for a session will be £40 for hall hire and staffing. Food can be provided for £40, or families are welcome to provide their own. Attendance will be £2.50 per child on top.

Package 2 (Up to 10 children)

Hold your party during a regular Saturday session. Food can be provided for £40, or families are welcome to provide their own. Attendance for non-Cwtch Together attendees will be £3.00 per child on top. Session will be open to other families, but will be decorated and set up with toys the birthday child enjoys.

The second package is ideal for Children who don't have many other children to invite to their party, as it will be open for more children to attend. We will prepare an advertisement a week before the party to advertise on social media, and will communicate with the parents/guardians to ensure that we are advertising what they want provided.

If a parent/guardian is wanting to provide another source of entertainment, (such as a magician, animal visit, etc) we ask that they consult us prior to booking anything, and that they provide the entertainment financially. This is available for either party package.

These party packages start at the same time as our memberships - August 01 2023.

We have a WhatsApp group that Sarah is in with many of the parents and guardians at Cwtch Together, to pass on any information, and to get the parents input and advice on volunteers, ideas, and session plans.

The Scout Leader who we previously liaised with, Lewis Brown, had now left the Scouts, and our new point of contact going forward is Gerwyn.

Our insurance has been updated to include the electronic items we purchased last year. All of our electronic items passed the PAT testing in September 2022.

A fundraiser was held for us in November in memory of Bill Garvin. Bill was one of the first volunteers who worked with Cwtch Together in the early days. Bill's partner Cathy raised over £300 hosting a raffle and social night at Whitchurch Social Club. Cathy has been a fantastic supporter of Cwtch Together and has donated money and time on a few occasions.

Non Humpherries has kindly offered to fundraise for Cwtch Together by completing an organised run in May. We will hold a session dedicated to running and the benefits of physical activity to promote this at Cwtch Together.

We have had a few issues this year with the boiler at the Scout Hall and in the three weeks before Christmas we were without heat or hot water. We struggled again at the start of this year with the same issue. The Scouts have now had the issue fixed, and have ordered new gas canisters to hopefully prevent the issue from arising again.

During the winter, a member contacted Sarah to say she had seen unusual activity at the Scout Hall. Sarah visited the hall with Roy, volunteer and neighbour of the hall, and found that two people possibly experiencing homelessness were sleeping in between the storage units we use to store our equipment in. Our units had been tampered with, and some of our sheets, blankets, and pillows had been taken. We informed the Police and the Scouts, and following advice, Sarah and Anastasia cleared and cleaned the area surrounding the units, as well as disposing of any items that had been used and left behind. The interior of the units were sanitised and new locks were purchased for them. CCTV signage has been placed outside the building to hopefully deter anyone from tampering with the units in the future.

We have continually noticed that on days where Cardiff City Football Club are playing at home, just down the road, the surrounding areas can be quite busy, and we have had trouble near the Scout Hall on two occasions. Sarah is now in contact with the Football Violence Division of the South Wales Police, and will liaise with them when high tension matches are due to take place. On these occasions, session times may change to ensure we are providing as safe of an environment as we are able for our children and families.

Session prices vary weekly depending on the costs of the materials provided during the session,

but our members will always have a reduced price.

We have been lucky enough to be involved in a few publicity opportunities this financial year, including radio interviews with BBC Radio 4, Talk Radio, and BBC Radio Wales, as well as having reporters from The Cardiffian, and The Guardian, attend our sessions.

We hosted a Poppy Rock Drop again this year, and plan to make this an annual event. We paint rocks with poppy designs before Remembrance Sunday, and place them at the War Memorial Statue in Grange Gardens for the service the following day.

We now have a Rock Painting page on Facebook as well as our Support Network group, and our main public Facebook page.

We now have a lovely sign outside the Scout Hall, under the Scout's sign, with all of our information on, making it easier for people to find us.

Chelsea has recently updated our website, and our Facebook page is updated every few days. Although those running the page have children themselves, some with additional needs, we are unable to answer all queries instantly, but we aim to reply to all queries within a few hours.

In November, we learned about the existence of the back garden at the Scout Hall, (now nicknamed The Secret Garden as we spent so long not knowing it existed!) which needed clearing so that the drains could be cleared. This is one of the jobs that The GoodGym helped us with, and going forward we will now be able to keep on top of this.

Finance

Our previous grant of £9,995 from the National Lottery's Awards For All scheme lasted from 2021 to January 2023. We have since applied for a further £10,000 from the scheme, and were lucky enough to be successful. We are very proud to be funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

We received a £1,160 grant from the Moondance Foundation towards the running of our sessions for a month.

We have been accepting admission costs via PayPal and Bank Transfer and regularly pay the money from our weekly Tuck Shop into the bank.

Chelsea and Sarah have ensured that the accounts and End Of Year finance information was completed, and sent into the Charity Commission on time.

A brief summary of the accounts for the 2022/2023 financial year will be available with the meeting minutes from this AGM.

The Future

We are looking forward to a fun packed year including a Coronation Teddy Bears Picnic, a Running themed session, a Circus Workshop, as well as visits from reptiles and owls, and much more.

RSPB are hoping to work with us this year.

We are looking into designing our own t-shirts and hoodies for members to purchase over the next few months.

If anyone would like to volunteer, or become a member of our Board of Trustees, please get in touch and we can discuss this further.

If anyone has any requests or ideas for future sessions or services we can provide, or any other questions for the Management or Trustees, please email cwtchtogether@gmail.com or WhatsApp Sarah on 07986 553361.

Board of Trustees will remain as we are going forward into the 2023-24 financial year.

Chelsea Harrington - Chair

Celia Brooks - Treasurer

Claire Ann Donoghue - Secretary

Any other business?

We have really enjoyed working with so many amazing people and organisations over the past year, we are happy to be able to provide fun and exciting sessions for so many families, and are looking forward to doing the same over the next 12 months.

Thank you for attending our AGM, and for your consistent support, we hope to see you again soon.

- **Cwtch Together Team #1182360**

Opening Balance	£10,910.07			
Month	Income	Expenditure	+/-	Balance
April 2022	529.03	1216.61	-687.58	10222.49
May 2022	129.60	2780.71	-2651.11	7571.38
June 2022	223.98	745.35	-521.37	7050.01
July 2022	44.00	1,438.40	-1394.40	5655.61
August 2022	1467.13	1993.84	-526.71	5128.90
September 2022	102.76	1469.98	-1367.22	3761.68
October 2022	579.63	551.03	28.60	3790.28
November 2022	718.26	1343.56	-625.30	3164.98
December 2022	323.35	1759.96	-1436.61	1728.37
January 2023	282.84	890.33	-607.49	1120.88
February 2023	11447.93	965.54	10482.39	11603.27
March 2023	455.52	2103.24	-1647.72	9955.55
Total	16304.03	17258.55	-954.52	
Closing Balance	£9,955.55			

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We have had a very busy year, the highlight of which was finally re-opening at our new location at 15th Cardiff Scout Hall on Sloper Road, Grangetown. Prior to this there were a lot of preparations, including organising and sorting our equipment and making an inventory for our insurance.

We received a £500 grant from Cardiff Council Play Services towards 'summer play packs' for our members which Sarah and Chelsea delivered to their homes. These were very well received as they contained family activities, craft supplies, and sports equipment for our service users who were missing out on being able to do things outside the home..

We were in contact with Samuel Jones who had previously worked with Cwtch Together at the Reach Centre, and he had agreed to volunteer with us every Saturday when we finally opened, hopefully looking at a paid role in the near future.

Chaz Woods who also volunteered with Cwtch Together at the Reach Centre has returned to help us with preparing the venue and equipment ready for reopening.

In June, we met with Lewis Brown of the Cardiff 15th Scouts and signed the contract for our new location.

In July we were thrilled to hear that the National Lottery Fund had awarded us with a community grant of £9995, which we were told a portion of this had to each be spent on equipment, hall hire, and staff, which will hopefully be used to pay Samuel in the future, as well as providing agency staff through New Directions ND Care.

In August Sarah arranged for the PAT testing of all of our electrical equipment. This was provided free of charge by MB-Lec Ltd as a gesture of goodwill. Sarah also investigated whether we needed a Food Hygiene certificate but we were told that we did not due to the fact that the parents and carers prepare the food in our kitchen themselves.

In September all of our policies and procedures were checked and signed by all of our trustees, and our main volunteer Samuel.

At a trustees meeting we made the decision to offer one of our service users Kieran Henderson the title of 'Ambassador' which he accepted.

Sarah made uniforms for all of the trustees, Samuel, and Kieran.

Sarah and Samuel have had their Enhanced DBS checks completed.

Neighbour Roy helped us attach a metal chain to our main gates for security, so it could be locked from the inside whilst sessions are taking place for extra safety for the children.

Sarah has spoken to Halfords about them donating their parking spaces to our service users on Saturdays, which they have kindly agreed to, providing the drivers give their registrations to the staff in Halfords.

We have been in contact with Make a Smile and they agreed to provide Princesses to attend our opening event in October and our Christmas event.

The last week in September, we created a Covid-19 policy which was signed by all trustees and Sam, ready for reopening. We also created a risk assessment, track and trace forms, and signage to put in the hall to encourage social distancing, a one way system, and increased hand washing/sanitising. We also provided hand sanitising stations around the hall.

Our opening date has been set as October 2nd in honour of Bill Garvin, a previous volunteer of ours who was much loved by all who used our services, who sadly passed away before we closed in 2020.

Unfortunately the boiler in the Scout Hall didn't work for a while until the Scouts had received funding to get it fixed, this took place in March 2022. During the colder months without the heating we were offering free hot drinks and blankets to our service users who wanted them.

Our opening party went very well, everything went according to plan and our service users all seemed very pleased to be back.

In November the cases of Covid-19 in the UK were increasing dramatically again, so we decided to bring our Christmas party forward to December 11th, with Samuel acting as our guest of honour, Santa. All the children were given a non-consumable gift, and had lots of fun playing with Santa.

Just before Christmas 2021 we received the sad news that our wonderful friend and volunteer Chaz had passed away from cancer.

An emergency online meeting was held with the trustees after the Christmas party to discuss whether it was safe enough to stay open in January, it was decided that we would wait to see the case numbers nearer the time just in case.

We eventually re-opened our doors ready for February half term.

Cardiff Council gave us a £5412 Winter of Well Being grant in February. Members of the Trustees met and decided to spend some of the money on equipment and electronics more suitable for the older children that use our services, and the rest on outdoor equipment, as these were the types of equipment that we had less of.

We have continued our great relationship with The Goodgym who visit regularly to help with gardening, or any maintenance/odd jobs that we need completing.

Chelsea created new paperwork and a coded system to help us organise our finances more efficiently and clearly.

Sarah promoted our Membership through Facebook and the Index Cardiff publication.

We are trialling adding our Paypal fees to our admission costs, this will be reviewed in the

future.

We have had such a great response since opening, and look forward to hosting many great events in the future including a Jubilee party in the summer.

Opening Balance	£5205.53			
Month	Income	Expenditure	+/-	Balance
April 2021	670	16.48	653.52	5859.05
May 2021	0	15.49	-15.49	5843.56
June 2021	0	264.49	-264.49	5579.07
July 2021	12,926.09	2,677.62	10248.47	15827.54
August 2021	10	341.61	-331.61	15495.93
September 2021	15.68	840.79	-825.11	14670.82
October 2021	134.68	1169.94	-1035.26	13635.56
November 2021	2.36	355.46	-353.1	13282.46
December 2021	197.37	547.92	-350.55	12931.91
January 2022	0	958.16	-958.16	11973.75
February 2022	62.22	519.25	-457.03	11516.72
March 2022	6588.22	7194.87	-606.65	10910.07
Total	20606.62	14902.08	5704.54	
Closing Balance	£10910.07			

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Trustees Annual Report

Sarah D'Arcy
Cwtch Together

As the Covid-19 restrictions began, it gave us time to prepare to get our new venue and storage ready for our re-opening when the pandemic eased, and we adapted to helping our families and keeping in touch online, and providing play packs and easter bunny visits directly to their homes.

We received a grant from the Moondance charity and used it to keep contact with our service users and get more work in place over the lockdown period. We purchased a laptop and printer. We wrote and filed all the necessary policies and procedures, created our own daily sheets, did all risk assessments, and worked on our membership package which we now have available...

We got our membership books printed professionally, ordered pens, made lockdown certificates, sent art sets, post and little gifts to our service users so they had some contact from us whilst they were stuck at home. We also got our website up and running with lots of downloadable content for our service users.

We collected our £1,000 cheque from Asda, (as we had won the green token scheme over Christmas) and used this to arrange our insurance ready for the new venue.

We have completed various training certificates recently to ensure we have the necessary requirements. We all completed our Food Hygiene training. Charlotte and myself completed the Designated Safeguarding Officer training. I completed the Level 2 in Play Work and completed the following Council online courses: Cyber Security, Violence Against Women, Sexual Violence and Domestic Assault, Security Awareness and Welsh.

At the end of August the Scouts kindly gave us the keys to the hall early so we could complete some work that needed to be done before we reopen. The outside area where we were hoping to put our storage was extremely overgrown, we were quoted approximately £3,000 for the groundwork to be done, this seemed very overpriced, especially for a charity. My wonderful family, (along with some incredible volunteers!) have worked tirelessly, cutting down all the weeds and dead trees, digging out 5 inches of soil along the 47 foot piece of land, discarding rubble, rubbish, overgrown grass, and everything else that was in our way! We borrowed a wheelbarrow from Growing Street Talk, and Asda donated cleaning supplies and treats for our volunteers. For all this we'd like to thank The Good Gym, a charity who keep fit by helping the community, Growing Street Talk, Shaz Woods, Kathryn Davies, Julia Francis and anyone else who gave up their time or equipment to help this mammoth task, and save Cwtch Together a lot of much needed money! We'd like to give a huge specific thank you to my brother, Michael Sweeney of Bluebird Carpentry, who has been at the hall most evenings!



We were recently given until mid October to empty our storage unit, which we have managed to finally complete today with the help of Walton Coaches! We have received a £1,500 grant from our wonderful colleagues at Cardiff Council towards the permanent storage we have at the Scout hall.

We now have our insurance in place, and have our storage units built and filled with all of our wonderful specialist equipment.

Our membership package costs £10 per year and contains our

- A Membership book
- A Cwtch Together pen
- Access to Children in Wales training
- Discount to Parc Play membership cards
- An exclusive Clickety Claire Photography package
- Exclusive competitions
- An opportunity to hold your child's birthday party at Cwtch for a small donation
- A 50p discount for each child to our weekly sessions

Our social media has grown in the past year, we now have 540 followers on Facebook, and our interaction has continued over lockdown, we have helped our families during this trying time, and offered support to those who needed it through zoom chats, phone calls or via Facebook messenger, we also set up a support group so parents could chat with each other.

We have worked with some great companies over the past year including Wild Thing, Friends of Pentre Gardens, Parc Play, etc. and are thankful for all the professional relationships we have formed in our local community.

We currently remain closed as the restrictions suggest, as most of our service users are classed as vulnerable and at risk. We are hoping to open as soon as it is feasible and safe to do so.

Sarah Darcy, Chair
Chelsea Harrington, Secretary

Opening Balance	£5851.51			
Month	Income	Expenditure	+/-	Balance
April 2020	£0.00	£313.93	- £313.93	£5537.58
May 2020	£1000	£133.96	£866.04	£6403.62
June 2020	£0.00	£69.00	-£69.00	£6334.62
July 2020	£1000	£54.49	£944.51	£7280.13
August 2020	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7280.13
September 2020	£89.85	£2674.90	-£2585.05	£4695.08
October 2020	£59.34	£1424.16	-£1364.82	£3330.26
November 2020	£1760	£6.99	£1753.01	£5083.27
December 2020	£51.91	£279.19	-£227.28	£4855.99
January 2021	£60.00	£3.49	£56.51	£4912.50
February 2021	£0.00	£32.49	-£32.49	£4880.01
March 2021	£350.00	£24.49	£325.51	£5205.52
End of Year 2020	£4371.10	£5017.09	-£645.99	£5205.52
Closing Balance	£5205.52			