



Rotary Club of Llanelli Charitable Trust

Registration Number: 1183371

Trustees' Annual Report For the period 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022

Rotary Club of Llanelli Established 1917

Charitable Trust Established June 2019

Principle Address: Diplomat Hotel, Felinfoel, Llanelli, SA15 3PJ

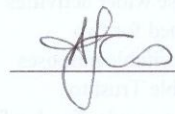
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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report that follows.

Signed as Secretary of the Charitable Trust on behalf of the Trustees.


Dated: 11/1/22
Alison Evans

The Charitable Trust was established as an unincorporated association and registered with the Charity Commission on 14th June 2016.

Trustees (who all served throughout the 2021-22 period):
Alison Evans (Chair)
Kath Jones (Secretary)
Alan Williams (Treasurer)
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Trustees serve for a maximum period of 4 years and always include the RCOL President for the period and the Treasurer are appointed by the Club Council. The Annual General Meeting is held each summer, directly following a monthly Club Council meeting, with all Club members (currently there are 40 members) invited to each meeting of the Club Council and the AGM.

Advances: The Charitable Trust funds are held entirely by Barclays Bank, through their Llanelli Branch at 16 Vaughan Street, Llanelli, SA41 1UB.

Affiliation: Although much work in the decision and activities is undertaken, the RCOL Charitable Trust is affiliated with a wider network facilitated by Rotary International. The RCOL Charitable Trust is entirely independent in its decision making and control of funds so the purposes of activities and use of funds is entirely directed by all its members locally. We work closely with Llanelli Town and Rural Council, but also with a number of other local charitable organisations in our local community to deliver as well as we can the things we try to help.

Charity Objectives and Purpose

The objectives of the charity are to deliver relief to the poor and needy or such other charitable purposes as the charity shall in duly constituted meeting from time to time direct. In practice, this includes supporting youth development and environmental improvement in the community as well as improving the lot of individuals in need. The trustees must apply the income and, at their discretion, all or part of the capital of the charity to further these objectives.

The Rotary Club of Llanelli (RCoL) undertakes a range of activities to assist in improving its local community and addressing immediate needs of the community, future opportunities and more sustainable environment. It also provides assistance to communities in other countries. Activities are frequently undertaken alongside other Rotary Clubs and organisations, notably in the past for improvement projects in Africa but more recently alongside Rotary Clubs in Poland to assist with Ukrainian refugees from the war in their country. Each year it undertakes a series of events and charitable collections, raising the funds needed to provide its charitable support: all the funds collected are used for the purposes collected.

The RCoL undertakes a number of social activities, alongside its charitable endeavours, but these are funded entirely separately by the individual members. Many of these wider activities involve Members' time rather than funds. The Charitable Trust was established for two purposes – (1) ensuring that fund collections are very clearly used for the charitable purposes intended with no funding of RCoL overheads at all; (2) enabling the Charitable Trust to reclaim Gift Aid eligible from HMRC, increasing the impact of the collections made. Funds of the Charitable Trust itself are managed by a number of Trustees selected from the RCoL.

The Charitable Trust was established as an unincorporated association and registered with the Charity Commission on 16th June 2019.

Governance

Trustees (who all served throughout the 2021-22 period):

Alison Evans	(Chair)	Maxine Walters
Kevin Jones	(Secretary)	Joanna Isaac
Mark Evans	(Treasurer)	Alan Bodman
Ieuan Griffiths	(RCL President 2021-22)	

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Advisors: The Charitable Trust funds are held entirely by Barclays Bank, through their Llanelli Branch at 16, Vaughan Street, Llanelli, SA15 3UE.

Affiliations: Although stand-alone in the decisions and activities it undertakes, the RCoL Charitable Trust is affiliated with a worldwide network facilitated by Rotary International. However, the RCoL Charitable Trust is entirely independent in its decision making and control of funds, so the purposes of activities and use of funds is entirely directed by all its members locally. We work closely with Llanelli Town and Rural Councils, but also with a number of schools and other charitable organisations in our local community to deliver as well as we can for those we try to help.

Report on Activities During the Year

Making changes as we moved on from 2021-22

2020-21 was a very difficult year, during which we were unable to meet face to face in any formal meetings indoors. The start of our Rotary year 2021-22 saw a gradual relaxation of the Covid grip. However, moving back towards "normality" was very slow and the pandemic resulted in a slow return to normal meetings. The Youth Programme was severely curtailed as schools have been careful to safeguard their pupils and difficult to engage with. The Covid restrictions have been very difficult for all and, whilst we were able to undertake the writer and photographer competitions, most other interactions proved too difficult to organise.

Overall changes for the Club as a whole during the 2021-22 year were achieved as we:

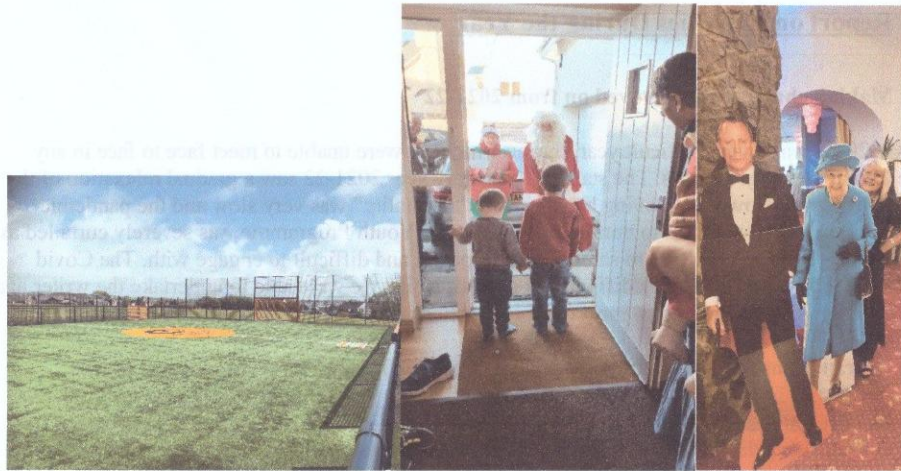
- became less formal in our approach to meetings – informal dress, more engagement, inclusive discussions and more welcoming to newcomers and guests to our meetings;
- based on decisions taken in the previous financial year, we made our membership subscription structures simpler and more transparent, decreasing the cost of membership and more directly linking donations and collections clearly with the charitable trust;
- recruited more new members in the last year than in any year previously: 12 in total – with 3 men and 9 women becoming members. The average age has reduced as a result and the scope of the activities we are able to engage in has increased;
- improved our internal communication and started to engage more of our members actively in the committees and discussion of ideas and direction, also gaining greater engagement with other like-minded organisations in our Community;
- became more diverse in our membership – the emphasis now being focussed on what we can do for our community and club and how we can continue to expand these efforts into our community – whilst also increasing our fellowship and having fun in parallel;
- have become a more tolerant and "kinder" Club as a result.

Last year we raised more funding for a range of charities than ever before. During the course of the year and working with others, we collected over £45,000 for specific charitable causes. The funds raised were transferred **entirely into the Charitable Trust** - and a range of donations made for the causes for which the money was been collected.

Specific Major Charitable Trust Activities Undertaken

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our RCL and Trustee meetings. The main strands of charitable activities for raising donations were as follows:

- (September) Sponsored Bike ride
- (October) Race Night
- (November) Christmas Carnival
- (December) Reindeer Parade and over 650 children visited at home
- (March) Collections for Ukraine Refugees (e.g. Parc-y-Scarlets, M&S etc.)
- (April) Continuing Ukraine collections and collaborations with others
- (June) "Bond" Themed Charity Ball



Race Night delivers for MUGA !

Santa Delivers Personally

Bond and ER

Lessons to take forward

We have taken many positive steps over this last year but these need to be consolidated and extended to ensure the Club delivers as well as it can for our community and our environment. We need to continue to attract and retain new members, increasing our diversity and range of skills alongside the knowledge of our active participants. At the same time we need to value the contribution and experience of our older members, retaining their active participation and contributions whenever possible. We need to work across boundaries with other organisations such as Councils, Schools or voluntary organisations and, indeed, with as many outside individuals volunteers as possible, to enable us to do things we cannot deliver on our own - and focus on the real needs of our communities as the world changes around us.

Finally, we need to focus on the real and emerging concerns of our communities as we move forward – increasing monetary inflation and cost of living impacts, the quality and sustainability of the environment in which we live, the life chances of younger members of our community and the value and recognition of the contribution of Rotary so we can assure our own sustainability.

Alison Evans (Chair of Rotary Club of Llanelli Charitable Trust)

Annex: Detailed Summary of Finances

(Note that the General Accounts are included for completeness and understanding but do not represent funds within the Charitable Trust)

Charitable Trust Account				General Membership Account		General Legacy Account	
	Income / Related Collected	Costs	Donations in-Year	To Pay Recipient Organisation	Income Collected	Expenditure	Income Collected
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Major Initiatives							
Race Night	2,462		2,500 MUGA		5,350		2
Sponsored Bike Ride	2,153		2,100 Mencap			2,446	
Christmas Collections	12,656	693	2,950 Ty Hafan			1,026	
			2,950 Wales Air Amb.				773
			2,950 Heol Goffin				560
			2,950 Latch				1,333
Ukraine Collections	18,825		4,000 Direct Support	14,824			
Bond Night	6,965		Ty Bryngwyn	7,000			
Other Income/Exp							
Falklands Talk Donations	250		250 Llanelli Veterans				
Foundation Transfer	1,330						
Member Donations	250						
Food Bank	347		124				
Easy Fundraising / Amazon	92						
Sundry Contributions	108		200				
Committed Funds							
Heddlu Bach							
Foodbank			500				
Christmas Costs			222				
Foundation Purposes			1,330				
	45,438	693	20,974	24,676	6,320	4,664	
Reconciliation							
Opening Balance in Bank	1,843				£ 7,519		Reconciliation
Plus Income	45,438				£ 6,320		Opening Balance in Ban £ 39,967
Less Costs and donations	-21,667				-£ 4,564		Plus: (Net) Income £ 2
Carried Forward in Bank	25,614				£ 9,175		Less: Costs and donations -£ 1,333
Committed at year end	-24,676						Carried Forward in Ban £ 38,636
Uncommitted balance	938						Decrease in Funds -£ 1,331
Note: Above figures include related Gift Aid repayments from HMRC of £2,940 plus matched funding from SBS of £5,775 (Christmas) and £3,500 (Bond Ball).				Overall Increase in General Funds during the year		£ 325	

Notes to the Charitable Trust Account

1. **There is a strict segregation of finances between the Rotary Club of Llanelli (RCL) and the Charitable Trust.** The RCoL membership subscriptions cover the affiliation fees due to Rotary District and Rotary International, together with running costs of the RCoL itself. There are discretionary contributions made by members to the international charity established by Rotary International ("Foundation") into the General Account and these are passed on to RI after transfer to the Charitable Trust to identify all the charitable activities in total. Club Member subscriptions cover all administrative and overhead costs relating to the RCoL itself, but also the **Charitable Trust**. Club members also pay all costs of internal fellowship meetings (meals), external non-charity related events directly to the organisations concerned without passing through the General Account. This has greatly simplified the handling, clarity and burden of the funding flows previously adopted.
2. **There are no Restricted Funds held within the Charitable Trust.** However, all the collections from the public and events organised are arranged with specific charitable purposes identified in advance and the public are aware of the intended recipients prior to making their donations. The normal procedure is then to round up the contributions prior to onwards distribution. **There are no Endowment Funds held by the Charitable Trust and there are no Liabilities identified.**
3. **The Charitable Trust does not own any non-monetary assets.** Gift Aid is received from HMRC as part of the annual Tax Year claim (normally submitted in May), but the gift aid is allocated in advance by the Charitable Trust so that the full benefit is received by the recipients as quickly as possible. There is Gift Aid **not included** in the above figures claimable in May 2023 relating to April-June 2022 and no estimates have been included in the accounts, which are completed on a payments basis. However, the difference is not considered to be material and will be reflected in next year's 2022-23 annual accounts.
4. The General Legacy Account is the result of a single generous donation made some years ago and **does not form a part of the Charitable Trust**. It is used for a number of different purposes – this year, with the increasing number of external joint activities RCoL purchased a Gazebo and it has also provided a source of funds for the "Watch Out" initiative we have supported in providing local schools with books for children - to support developing awareness of dangers in growing up. We have worked closely with the authors, including the management of a translation into Welsh to allow Welsh medium schools to benefit and as a teaching resource for supporting Welsh language learning. The RCoL intent is to use the Legacy Account to underpin further similar activities (i.e. not purely resulting in charitable monetary disbursement to selected causes) in future.
5. This year, there were unusually considerable sums committed to specific recipient charitable purposes, but not disbursed prior to the year-end itself. The Ty Bryngwyn Hospice donation was made within 2 weeks of the year end, based on the availability of the recipients for formal presentation. The bulk distributed since the year-end (£14,824 to the Ukraine refugee appeal) was forwarded before completion of these accounts to Polish organisations as the Charitable Trust received evidence of its disbursement for the benefit of the Ukraine refugees supported there.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees of Rotary Club of Llanelli Charitable Trust Accounts for the Year Ended 30th June 2022 as set out on Pages 5 and 6

We report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2022.

As charity trustees of the **Rotary Club of Llanelli Charitable Trust**, we are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


We report in respect of our examination of the both the General Accounts and the Charitable Trust accounts carried out under s 145 of the Act and in carrying our examinations, we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

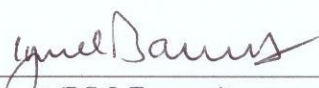
We have completed our examination. We can confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination which give us any cause to believe that, in any material respect:

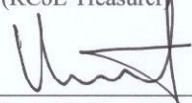
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with or reflect the accounting records.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Dated 12/01/23
Richard Thomas (Independent Club Auditor)

Signed:  Dated 11/01/23
Ieuan Griffiths, FCA, CPFA (President RCoL 2021/22 and Club Auditor)

Signed:  Dated: 11.01.2023
Hywel Bassett (RCoL Treasurer)

Signed:  Dated 12/1/23
Mark Evans (Charitable Trust Treasurer)