



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To	Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 01	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Llangiwg Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1184522

Charity's principal address

12 Rhestr Fawr

Ystradgynlais

Swansea

Postcode

SA9 1LD

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Julie Butler	Chair		Trustees
2	Johanna Lukas	Secretary		Trustees
3	John Williams			Trustees
4	Ruth Littler			Trustees
5	Esther Teye	Treasurer		Trustees
6	Meiriona Davies			Trustees
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Surveyor	Trevor Francis	12 Dulais Fach Road, Tonna, Neath, SA11 3JW
Accounts/auditor	Andrew Toye	33 Cwmtawe Road, Ystradgynlais, SA9 1QU

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Foundation Constitution dated July 22nd, 2019
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

a) To conserve and preserve for the public benefit the former St Ciwg's Church, Llangiwig, Ynysmeudwy. b) To advance the education of the public in the history, culture and natural environment of Llangiwig and surrounding area. c) To further or benefit the residents of Llangiwig and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving conditions of life for the residents.

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

In planning their activities for the year the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at their trustee meetings.

The main activities are as follows:

- Ensuring that the former Llangiwg Church, a listed building of historic significance, is maintained and remains accessible to the general public by opening it for tours and visits as regularly as possible, and by making it available to anyone as a 'peaceful space' for meditation/quiet time sessions.
- Developing a programme of talks, lectures and other projects about all aspects of Llangiwg and its environs, along with accompanying educational material.
- Providing a unique rural venue for events and activities that benefit the local community, and which, in particular, enable the continuity of much valued local cultural traditions (eg. the Mari Lwyd at New Year).

In carrying out the above, the Trust organises and promotes a programme of events itself, both at Llangiwg and elsewhere in the area, and also engages with other local organisations and individuals who are interested in using the building for recreational and educational purposes relating, in particular, to the arts, health and well-being, and environmental awareness.

To facilitate these activities the Trust is committed to taking on a long-term lease of the building, thus helping to preserve and conserve its historic fabric for the benefit of present and future generations.

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

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

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

The trustees are supported by a core group of volunteers who help organise and promote the Trust's activities, contribute to events, help with fundraising and assist with the on-going maintenance of both the church and churchyard grounds. Advice on matters relating to the building is provided by historic buildings consultant and surveyor Mr Trevor Francis, who has a long-standing knowledge and experience of the site.

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

In the first half of 2023, the trust held several new events at Llangiwig Church, all of which were well attended. In celebration of St David's Day, they organised a talk on 'St David, Ciwg and the Age of Saints' by Pembrokeshire writer Tim Sime, which drew an audience of 33. They held an Easter Open Day in April, during which they offered guided tours and hosted refreshments for 25 - 30 visitors, as well as signing up a number of new subscribers to their associate membership scheme.

This scheme had first been proposed for 2020 in order to help with running costs, but was delayed by the Covid pandemic. The first subscription year, publicised at the end of 2022, officially started in April 2023 and by the end of the year, 26 supporters had signed up for either individual or family membership.

In May the trust held a very successful Calan Mai/Beltane event, with music by Celtic-inspired duo Awen's Call, poetry reading in the churchyard and a talk on how connecting with nature can improve health and well-being. It was attended by 40 people, including volunteers.

In both May and June the trust opened the church on weekday afternoons for anyone wishing to spend quiet time there, the first opening taking place during Mental Health Awareness Week. The annual St Ciwg's Day picnic at the end of June once again proved to be a highlight of the year, with a return visit by the Ospreys Supporters Choir and over 60 people in attendance.

In June the Trust successfully applied for a Community Heritage grant from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council of £4,663, for a project entitled 'Old Treasure - Re-discovering Llangiwig', which, with 5% match funding in the form of volunteer time, had a total value of just under £5,000. The project's events and activities ran from July to December, and included participating in Cadw's Open Doors festival in September for the first time. The events offered a creative writing workshop, talks and tours of Llangiwig by trustee and local historian John Williams, and illustrated talks on holy wells in Wales, the health-giving power of art, and historic churches in Gower. Altogether 153 participants/visitors attended, including members of the NPT Young Archaeologists' Club, and 12 volunteers in all provided help with running the events.

The grant also helped the trust to improve its communications and raise the profile of the church and its location. Their website was updated to a bilingual format, a short promotional bilingual film was created and a Mailchimp newsletter launched. As the grant was due to be paid in arrears (in 2024), the trust benefitted from a supporter's loan of £961 to cover upfront project costs. The charity once again raised most of its funds through inviting donations from people attending events, bringing their total receipts for 2023 to £2,747. The final event of the year brought the trust's largest audience yet, with upwards of 70 people attending the Mari Lwyd gathering on New Year's Eve. It was the first time this had been held since Covid, and the response was a testament to the continuing popularity of maintaining local cultural traditions at this site.

In 2023 the trustees also continued to work towards taking on a long-term (25-year) lease of the building, with solicitors for the trust and the owner being appointed and with the objective of completing this process (previously on hold due to the pandemic) early in 2024.

## Section E Financial review

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

Cash funds at year end 31/12/23 were £2,274, some of which was expected to cover legal costs relating to the lease in 2024. Trustees aim to achieve a level of reserves that covers six months' running costs in the event of loss of income and any unforeseen expenditure, and in particular against the risk of the building being closed for longer than expected for repair or restoration work.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	E. Toye	J. H. Williams
Full name(s)	ESTHER TOYE	JOHN HARVEY WILLIAMS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	23.9.2024	



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Llangiwg Trust

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/23	To	31/12/23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Membership	180	-	-	180
Event ticket sales	-	-	-	-
Donations – J Williams – roof repair	250	-	-	250
Donations – E Griffiths – general	24	-	-	24
Donations – E Griffiths – website	49	-	-	49
Donations – E Toye – general	37	-	-	37
Donations – general	1,139	-	-	1,139
Raffle	107	-	-	107
Grants (CADW)	-	-	-	-
Loan – E Griffiths re NPT grant	961	-	-	961
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>2,747</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,747</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,747</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Food & drink at events	38	-	-	38
Events	100	-	-	100
Cleaning materials	7	-	-	7
Stationery	202	-	-	202
Gift for former Trustee	-	-	-	-
Public Liability insurance	153	-	-	153
Electricity	- 744	-	-	- 744
Website costs	49	-	-	49
Building maintenance	250	-	-	250
Sundries	26	-	-	26
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
Fixtures & Fittings	140	-	-	140
IT equipment	609	-	-	609
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>749</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>830</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,917</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>357</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,274</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in hand	2	-
	Cash in bank	2,272	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			
	2x fire extinguishers	Unrestricted funds	57
	1x padlock	Unrestricted funds	17
	2x torch	Unrestricted funds	8
	1x broom	Unrestricted funds	4
	1x Epson HD projector	Unrestricted funds	609
	1x Wheelchair ramp	Unrestricted funds	140
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			
	E Griffiths re NPT grant	NPT Grant	961
			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name
E. Toye		ESTHER TOYE
J.H. Williams		JOHN H. WILLIAMS

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Last year

to the nearest £

70
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1,500
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49
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275
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3,690
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5,584

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153
850
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**Endowment  
funds  
to nearest £**

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**Endowment  
funds  
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**When due  
(optional)**

2024

**Date of approval**

6.6.2024
6.6.2024