



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date					Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
From		01	01	2024	To		31	12	2024

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 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 programmes of talks and lectures and other projects about all aspects of Llangiwg, its history 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) and encourage creativity.

In carrying out the above, the Trust organises and promotes programmes 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 has now taken on a 25-year 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;
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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

On March 1st, 2024, the Trust achieved a significant milestone by signing a 25-year lease on Llangiwg Church, confirming its commitment to preserving this heritage asset for the community well into the 21st century. On March 2nd about 50 people gathered at Llangiwg to enjoy a magnificent St David's celebration concert given by local male voice choir, Cor y Gyrlais.

On March 15th a monument recording workshop provided by the Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust was held at Llangiwg, enabling 15 participants to learn more about its burial ground, how to identify and record inscriptions and develop a plan of the churchyard. An Easter Open Day was held in April, during which trustees offered guided tours and refreshments to 25 - 30 visitors, as well as signing up subscribers to their membership scheme, the Friends of Llangiwg Trust. This was launched in 2022-23 to help with the running costs of the church. During 2024, the Trust saw an increase in members - 46 in total.

In May the Trust held another very successful Calan Mai event, this time hosting a talk by local author Dewi Bowen on his book 'Hunting the Wild Megalith', in which he mapped his journey through South Wales exploring ancient sites. Attended by about 30 people, this event also included poetry reading in the churchyard by the writer Tim Sime.

In June and July the Trust opened the church on weekday afternoons for 'quiet half-hours', and at the end of June held their annual St Ciwg's Day picnic. This proved to be a highlight of the year, as well as a successful fundraising event, with 53 people in attendance. Pontardawe choir Cor Con Brio delighted picnickers with a wonderfully varied programme of music, and there were enough people to hold hands right around the building - an annual tradition known as 'clipping the church'.

In June the Trust succeeded in gaining a grant of £16,000 from Neath Port Talbot Council's Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Events (HCTE) Fund to restore the Georgian panelling along the south wall of the church, a project which also included damp proofing measures and floor and wall repairs. This work was successfully undertaken by local building contractor Paul Griffiths between August - November, under the supervision of the trust's surveyor, Trevor Francis.

Before closing the church for work, the Trust held a members' afternoon on August 17th, when trustee John Williams gave an illustrated talk on the panelling project and all the conservation work completed since the church passed into community hands in 2007. John gave a similar talk at an open meeting held by the Trust at Pontardawe Heritage Centre in November, when trustees were also able to outline future plans for improving community facilities at Llangiwg. The church was re-opened on November 30th at a celebratory event attended by 55 people, during which local MP David Chadwick 'unveiled' the restored panelling.

As the HCTE grant was to be paid in arrears, the trust benefitted from a supporter's loan totalling £5,800 to cover upfront project costs. Apart from grants, the charity raised its other funds through membership subscriptions and fundraising/inviting donations at events, which brought in a total of £2,535. December proved to be a busy month, with a winter recital performed by two talented young musicians, a festive storytelling event held by a local creative writing group and the Mari Lwyd gathering on New Year's Eve, activities which attracted audiences totalling nearly 100 people.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash funds at year end 31/12/24 were £7,485, of which £5,800 was a supporter's loan, due in 2025, to cover upfront costs of the grant-funded Georgian panelling project completed 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)	J. Butler	E. Toye
Full name(s)	JULIE BUTLER	ESTHER TOYE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	24.9.2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/24	To	31/12/24
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Membership	296	-	-	296
Donations – J Williams – roof repair	-	-	-	-
Donations – E Griffiths – general	-	-	-	-
Donations – E Griffiths – website	-	-	-	-
Donations – E Toye – general	-	-	-	-
Donations – general	1,525	-	-	1,525
Raffle	531	-	-	531
Grants (NPTCBC)	20,662	-	-	20,662
Sale of plants	147	-	-	147
Sale of books	36	-	-	36
Loan – E Griffiths re NPT grant	5,800	-	-	5,800
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,997	-	-	28,997
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,997	-	-	28,997
A3 Payments				
Food & drink at events	-	-	-	-
Paneling project	15,999	-	-	15,999
Events	244	-	-	244
Cleaning materials	-	-	-	-
Stationery	-	-	-	-
Legal costs re lease	1,188	-	-	1,188
Public Liability insurance	1,009	-	-	1,009
Buildings & contents insurance	590	-	-	590
Electricity	139	-	-	139
Website costs	3,600	-	-	3,600
Building maintenance	-	-	-	-
Loan repayment	960	-	-	960
Sundries	10	-	-	10
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,739	-	-	23,739
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Fixtures & Fittings	46	-	-	46
IT equipment	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	46	-	-	46
Total payments	23,785	-	-	23,785
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,212	-	-	5,212
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,273	-	-	2,273
Cash funds this year end	7,485	-	-	7,485

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	383	-
	Cash in bank	7,102	-
			-
	Total cash funds	7,485	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
	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
	1x First Aid kit	Unrestricted funds	20
	1x Heater	Unrestricted funds	25
			-
B5 Liabilities			
	E Griffiths re NPT grant	NPT Grant	5,800
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name
J. Butler		JULIE BUTLER
E. Toye		ESTHER TOYE

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Last year
to the nearest £

180
250
24
49
37
1,139
107
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961
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2,747

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38
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100
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202
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153
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3,023



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**When due
(optional)**

2025

Date of approval

27.5.2025
27.5.2025



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Full name(s)	JULIE BUTLER	ESTHER TOYE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	24.9.2025	