

## Chair's Report 2021/ 2022

We started this year with two fewer Trustees having been unable to get anyone to join our ranks, we were in the middle of a pandemic that was making it impossible to carry out any fund raising and then HSBC decided they did not want to continue as our bankers! Not what we had hoped for.

Following Richard Hambleton's and Lesley Burrowes's resignations at our last AGM we asked if anyone would like to join as a Trustee but had no takers, so there was no other option but to carry on and spread the duties amongst the remaining Trustees.

The fact we were in the middle of the Covid pandemic made any thought of fund raising impossible, although we had one local young man who took it on his own initiative to run up to the Pillar every night (after a day's work, mostly in the dark and often in pouring rain) and set up a just giving page for people to sponsor him. He raised £391.87 which was an impressive amount at any time and an inspiration of what can be done. Collection tins remained at local businesses and offers of individual fund raising helped to continue to improve our funds.

This year has again seen the support and interest shown by members and people far and wide has been amazing, and has often been the driving force for the Trustee's to continue to look for ways of achieving the goal we all want, this support is second only to raising the money to carry out the repair on the Pillar, it has always surprised us how much the Pillar means to so many people, so thank you to you all for that support.

To preserve these funds we had meetings on line, when we weren't allowed face to face, then when we were allowed outside meetings we had them in our garden, so no funds were used for the hire of any rooms.

Then in March 2021 we received a letter from HSBC, giving us notice that they intended to remove their banking services from the Charity; this came completely out of the blue and there was no explanation then or since. Steve endeavoured to find an alternative bank, which was not straight forward but he came up with one that would work for us and again after many e-mails etc we ended up with a new bank account, a headache that we would have liked to have not had.

The only other positive we had was following Cadw's request for an updated report on the condition of the Pillar, which Cadw would fund and would be required for the major funding we would be looking for, so I joined Geraint Roberts and Terry Parry who created the original report, on a cold, wet and breezy day for them to carry out further inspections of the Pillar. The outcome was an updated report that would be the basis for any funding.

The updated report did show that the deterioration in the Pillar was not as bad as they had originally predicted and in fact was not a great deal worse than when the original report was created just over two years previously.

Following this report there was continued discussion with Natural Resources Wales to agree a lease of the grounds around the Pillar and the ground that the Pillar stood on. The Charity needed this to allow us to be able to carry out the work since without the agreement the major funders would not consider awarding any grants.

What was to come out of NRW's internal discussions, was something that I think none of us expected or even hoped for. As NRW had a long term lease on the ground, they in principle decided that they were the land owners, therefore had a duty to fund and carry out the repairs required. The icing on the cake was they would also do the same as they do with similar such structures on their land, which would be to carry out regular inspections on the Pillar to ensure any deterioration would be picked up much sooner and be dealt with. This is much more than we could have ever hoped for.

To date NRW have continued to setup the required funding from within their organisation, which is now in place, they have appointed a Project Manager who has made contact with us, and wants to involve the Charity in the repairs to the Pillar, which is also good news. They are creating a tender document which should be put out for Companies to put in their quotes, with a planned start of work in July 2022, a little later than they had hoped but they believe (depending on the weather) that they will be able to complete the works by October 2022.

So although following our last AGM the future was not as bright as we would have liked, the lead up to this year's AGM is far brighter than we thought possible. There is a little way to go, and the Charity will continue to operate until the Pillar is repaired, whenever that may be.

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1186259**

**SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR**

**ACCOUNTS**

**PERIOD ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

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## **SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR**

**Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER:	1186259
ADDRESS OF CHARITY:	The Crest Llandysilio Llanymynech SY22 6QZ
TRUSTEES:	David Roberts Elizabeth Dawson William James Lee Stephen Williams Heather Hobman Frances Buckingham
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Mr Robert Davies Robert Davies & Co Marche Manor Halfway House Shrewsbury SY5 9DE

### TRUSTEES REPORT:

Save Rodney's Pillar became a registered charity on 11 November 2019 as a Service Provider.

The objectives of the charity are to restore and preserve the monument "Rodney's Pillar"

The charity is controlled by trustees elected at general meetings and is run on a democratic basis.

The charity has undertaken fund raising activities during the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and raised awareness of the campaign to save Rodney's Pillar.

**SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**Period Ended 30 September 2021**

	2021		2020	
Income	£	£	£	£
Donations	<u>2,288</u>		<u>777</u>	
		<u>2,288</u>		<u>777</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Collection boxes	86		0	
Signs	234		0	
Ballot software	46		0	
	<u>366</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net Surplus	<u><u>1,922</u></u>		<u><u>777</u></u>	

# SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR

## BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 September 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Natwest Bank Current Account	2,699	777
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	2,699	777
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
	0	0
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	<u>2,699</u>	<u>777</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>		
Brought forward	777	0
Surplus from Receipts and Payments Account	1,922	777
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	<u>2,699</u>	<u>777</u>



# INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

## SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations
  - have not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

