

Save Rodney's Pillar, Chairmans Report 2023

We as Trustee's and I am sure many others will always be indebted to NRW for not only agreeing to repairing the Pillar but ensuring it is monitored therefore ensuring it doesn't come into disrepair for years to come, however this year has been one of many false dawns and missed targets, meaning that the window of opportunity to carry out the work in the summer of 2022 was missed, but further inspections carried out on the Pillar has not shown any major deterioration.

The delays have been mainly due to organisational procedures within NRW, as a project it is not a major one for NRW, however the procedures that they have in place to ensure that the work is carried out correctly, safely and as a public body, ensuring they get the best possible value for the tax payers money, are the same regardless of the size of the project, and have to be followed which has made getting to the point where the tender document can be approved, a long process.

By the end of 2022 the tender document; which gives the detail of what the work involves to any potential Contractors; was being completed and in January 2023 the tender document was released and advertised on various platforms. Tenders have been returned to NRW which they are happy with, there are further procedures to check the viability of the bidders, following this there is a cooling off period, which when completed the winning bidder will be disclosed.

We are now waiting for the winning bidder to be disclosed and a start date to be agreed, which by the time of the AGM this should have been completed, then let the work begin.

Since NRW agreed to take responsibility for the Pillar, we as Trustee's have no real power with regard to how the work to repair the Pillar is carried out, we have however had regular meetings with the project manager and tried to ensure the work will be completed in a timely fashion, to date that does look likely that it will happen in 2023. The one thing we do have responsibility for, is how the money that has been so generously donated or collected towards SRP is spent, the Trustee's are currently looking at the cost to place a plaque with the details of the proposed repair on it, to match the other plaques around the base of the Pillar that has recorded similar information. Cadw is looking to make the visit to the Pillar a more rounded history of the Hill and show its place in History, with information such as the Iron Age Hill Fort etc, they will potentially fund any information boards but this work will be carried via another body and not with SRP or its Trustee's.

2023 is looking to be a more positive year for the history of the Pillar and securing its prominence on the top of the Breiddens, we therefore look forward to the time when the security fence is removed and the Pillar is again able to be fully appreciated by all.

Bill Lee

Chair of Trustee's

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1186259

SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th September 2022 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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Day Month Year

SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
Year Ended 30 September 2022

	2022		2021	
Income	£	£	£	£
Donations	<u>164</u>		<u>2,288</u>	
		<u>164</u>		<u>2,288</u>
Expenses				
Collection boxes	0		86	
Signs	0		234	
Postage	14			
Ballot software	45		46	
	<u>59</u>		<u>366</u>	
Net Surplus	<u><u>105</u></u>		<u><u>1,922</u></u>	

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 September 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current Assets		
Natwest Bank Current Account	2,863	2,699
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	2,863	2,699
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	59	0
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	<u>2,804</u>	<u>2,699</u>
 Represented by:		
Accumulated Fund		
Brought forward	2,699	777
Surplus from Receipts and Payments Account	105	1,922
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	<u>2,804</u>	<u>2,699</u>

SAVE RODNEY'S PILLAR

Year Ended 30th September 2022

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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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 year ended 30th September 2022 and raised awareness of the campaign to save Rodney's Pillar.