



## About Us

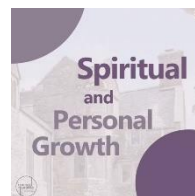
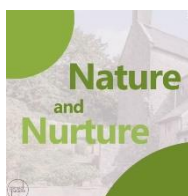
Welcome to our annual report for 2020/21. We are a charitable incorporated company founded on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020, by our founders: Georgina Saralis, Ali Grafton and Neil Clark. We were then delighted to be joined by Stuart Bain and Joe Johnson.

The charity is known as Plas Llanmihangel, which is the name of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century manor house we aim to purchase as our headquarters and first place of operation.

## Our Objectives:

1. To promote for the benefit of the public the preservation and protection of the historic Tudor manor known as Plas Llanmihangel in the Vale of Glamorgan in particular by implementing a programme of renovation and subsequent maintenance to sustain the building for the public.
2. To advance in life and relief the needs of young people in the UK through a) the provision of recreation and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life; b). advancing education; c). providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society

Our values are identity and heritage, nature and nurture, spiritual and personal growth, love and care.



## Structure and Governance

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Company governed by its constitution.

Plas Llanmihangel was founded by three trustees who worked together previously, pioneering an outstanding alternative provision for disengaged young people (aged 8-18), the success of which included going beyond the school gates in supporting families.

Other trustees may be appointed by two or more trustees being present at a trustees meeting.

It is our intention to ensure we have a balanced representation of young people aged 16-25 serving on our board of trustees and to them being integral to the leadership of the organisation.

We are committed to equality, inclusion and diversity in the leadership of our charity and to aim for a cross-section of society. We strive to have representation from individuals who fall into marginalised groups such as women, BAME, LGBTQIA+, disabled, those who have been in care and those who have lived experience of socio-economic disadvantage, since they reflect the nature of our beneficiaries.

We encourage and have attracted volunteers.



All trustees will have an opportunity to undertake training for the role of trustees. All trustees working with our beneficiaries will have safeguarding training and will be registered on the DBS Update system.

## Activities

***The trustees believe they have displayed due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance, which is known to the trustees and adhered to when making decisions in relation to the activities of the charity, and as described in this report.***

As a new charity the first phase of our activities involved start-up and raising awareness. The first section outlines our intentions for the charity.



Connect to Purpose supports young people aged 11-25 who feel their life is not going in the direction they want for themselves, so they can thrive and live with joy and purpose, rather than simply survive.

COVID-19 has exacerbated the need for our work. Although children are minimally susceptible to COVID-19, they are hit hardest by its psychosocial impact. The charity Young Minds reports that following the second lockdown, some young people say they are 'deeply anxious, have started self-harming again, are having panic attacks, or are losing motivation and hope for the future.'

It is our intention to provide retreats for rest and renewal for young people based in the UK, who seek support in challenging times. We operate from heritage properties of cultural importance to the local community, sustained by social enterprise run by young adults, connecting heritage with young people and their families, to engender a sense of belonging, inclusion and social wellbeing.

Harnessing the power of personal development and transformation for all the family is an innovative strategy as an alternative contribution to the way our society is dealing with:

- the disengagement of disadvantaged young people;
- eradicating the attainment gap in education;
- reducing the numbers of students excluded from school
- and ending children living in poverty in the UK.

We tackle the problem at one of its root causes, young people in dysfunctional family situations out of their control.

By locating our retreats in heritage properties cultural heritage becomes integral to encouraging our young people and their families to make that connection with their local community; as a starting point for exploring their own family history. In doing so, we hope they will develop a sense of belonging to their local community, and feel empowered to shape its future, as well as their own.

We will develop the historic homes as centres of social enterprise, to promote their cultural importance and conservation for the benefit its local community, and to ensure the charity is sustained as a self-financing organisation.

For our young people aged 16-25 (especially leaving care), the operation of the retreats will provide education, training, apprenticeship and employment opportunities, along with supported independent rural living. It will provide opportunities for community engagement, for both local employment and a high level of volunteering, giving the heritage home an economic value and encouraging social interaction and wellbeing.



### PROJECT ONE (August 2020 – March 2021)

Our first project is to purchase the C12th manor house, Plas Llanmihangel, which is one of the oldest homes in Wales, located in the Vale of Glamorgan. This was chosen because in South Wales there is: a 7% increase in children going into care, 23-31% (1 in 3) children live in poverty, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and where exclusion from school has risen by 51% since 2015.



The aim of the project is the rescue of one of Wales' oldest homes and, rather than let it fall into the hands of private residents, restore it to a comfortable family home to be shared with its wider community; including a diverse range of people who would not normally experience a stay in historic accommodation.

An integral part of this is our 'Supported Independent Rural Living (S.I.R.L)' project that will provide transition housing, education and employment support for 16-25year olds who:

- have left residential care and/or
- have an Educational Health Care Plan and/or
- are disadvantaged by circumstance.

Previously, in September 2019, we applied to the Architectural Heritage Fund for an Impact Fund and were turned down but advised to apply for the Viability Fund.

In June 2020, we contacted Eurig Williams from Alwyn Jones Architects, who kindly spent a great deal of (unpaid) time supporting us in producing a plan for the renovation and restoration of Plas Llanmihangel and advising us on the reports we needed for our project and for grant applications. This supported trustees to produce a detailed business plan.

Alongside these applications, during lockdown, we began to plan a crowdfunding campaign to raise awareness of the charity and to raise funds for the purchase of Plas Llanmihangel.

We reviewed and improved our website and are grateful for the voluntary work of Florence Saralis, a professional social media producer, for building our new website and setting up a social media platform for the charity, including Facebook and Instagram.

In March, the trustees contacted Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, whom they knew had visited Plas Llanmihangel when he presented the TV programme Hidden Houses of Wales, in 1998, and were very pleased when he agreed to support our charity. We are now organising a crowdfunding campaign launch event in April to be attended by Laurence.

### Financial Review

The charity applied to the Co-operative Bank for a charity account on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and awaiting a response.

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signed: 

Georgina Jane Saralis

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Connect 2 Purpose (Plas Llanmihangel CIO)	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 8/7/2020	To	Period end date 3/21/2021
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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>				
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<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				NO FUNDS
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<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
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<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
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<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	-	-	NO FUNDS

## 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>		-	-
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		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
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<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name
		Georgina Jane Saralis
		Alison Grafton

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Date of  
approval

1/20/2023
<b>1/20/2023</b>