Taff Rocks

Registered in England and Wales as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Charity Number: 1192749

Company Number: CE024340

Annual Report

For period 13/01/2023 – 12/01/2024

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Report of the Trustees for the year ending 12th January 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 12th January 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Constitution, and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).



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Some examples of work left in our care to use as exhibits and for inspiration to others using the resources and workshops Taff Rocks provides.

Chairperson's report

Welcome to the third annual report from Taff Rocks to the community and stakeholders.

The impact of COVID still remains. We are slowly building on the number of beneficiaries, but it is far from what it was pre-COVID. Mental health issues have increased, possibly adding to the decreased beneficiaries but we are ensuring that we cater to this as much as possible.

This year we could not run our Mindfulness Mandala classes for the very reason above. With previous years retirements and volunteers suffering mental health issues or having to work additional hours in their non-volunteering lives, the retention of volunteers has started to become an issue for us. As we are part of a community steering group, we believe that next year we will ensure greater support with this.

We secured funding from Invest Local Ynysowen to start working with air drying and polymer clay. This media has therapeutic benefits to all that participate, and we will continue with this in years to come.

It has been a year where we have strengthened our relationships with the community members and other organisations within the community.

It has also been a year where we have come to realise that, as a community charity, we need to make changes to cement our place in the borough and ensure that our future beneficiaries and trustees can see that we have moved on and grown.

Our increasing repertoire has had positive benefits on our beneficiaries but the retirements from last year has left us working twice as hard to recruit and maintain our volunteers.

We remain thankful that Invest Local Ynysowen and The National Lottery Community Fund have been there to support us with grant funding to support our communities.

With one more full year, from March 2024, remaining on our lease at Smyrna, we are hopeful that we can extend this to continue to benefit us, our current beneficiaries and the whole community.

Taff Rocks has had the pleasure of supporting, collaborating and partnership working with other organisations that serve this fantastic borough we are growing up in. Although small events, we have seen how we are able to support so many and bring so many happy smiles to faces thanks to all the hard work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our board of trustees, supporters, funders, as well as those that have benefited from our provisions to the communities for all their wonderful support in making yet another year possible.

As always, as you read this report, remember, as we always do, it's all about the community, the people in it and the support.

Nicola Hill

Chairperson

Aim and Objects for Public Benefit.

Charitable Objects:

The advancement of education for the public benefit in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil, in particular, but not exclusively in Aberfan, Merthyr Vale and surrounding areas by fostering and promoting an understanding and an appreciation of the arts, including but not exclusively by the provision of classes, seminars and training courses and in such other ways as the trustees see fit.

Aim:

To improve people's lives and strengthen community bonds through freestyle workshops and structured tuition that promotes fun, inspiration, creativity, and self-expression. By offering activities that can connect generations, incorporate therapeutic art activities, and spread love and joy, we hope to make a positive impact on individuals and communities, one step at a time.

Objects:

- To provide community-based events for the creation of works of art on rocks.
- To support the community with events that will benefit from rock painting activities.
- To help beneficiaries gain the knowledge and skills that can aid them by being a new ‘tool’ in their self-care ‘toolbox’.
- To increase beneficiaries’ confidence with creative projects.
- To provide the means and resources for intergenerational activities.

Public Benefit:

The Taff Rocks Trustees have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their trustees’ powers or duties.

Our commitment to delivering public benefit is at the core of everything Taff Rocks is. In furtherance of our aims, our key objective during this reporting period was to deliver excellence in our primary charitable purpose, supporting our communities by promoting the arts as a means of self-care and provide alternatives to face-to-face contact during the COVID restrictions.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

Activities:

Our current activities include:

- Intergenerational free-style rock painting workshops both in our local community and outreach
- Mindfulness Mandala Classes are ongoing resources.
- The dot art workshops, Mindfulness Mandala classes but without the tuition, are also an ongoing activity.
- Added to our repertoire this year has been offering the opportunity for creating with clay, this is both air drying clay and polymer clay.

Achievements:

Our key achievements this year have been:

June	Started supporting the Nye Centre with their beneficiaries
June	Attended and supported the annual community carnival.
June / July	Successfully started and completed a series of free journaling classes.
July	Obtained funding for our clay projects
December	Attended and supported the community at the annual Christmas Fayre

Performance:

Following the unexpected retirement of two of the board of trustees, for various reasons including ill health, it has had a knock-on effect for the existing trustees. The remaining trustees, who also volunteer as facilitators, felt overwhelmed by the increased workload.

To combat the increase in workload, we combined our activities into one 'freestyle' session and made a decision not to run our exclusive Mindfulness Mandala classes. Freestyle has proved popular, although our attendance remains low compared to us achieving charitable status.

The option for offering private freestyle workshops, only at Smyrna, has proved beneficial and we shall continue with this.

Structure, Governance and Management

Name	Position	Starting Date	Resigned / Retired
Nicola Hill	Chairperson / Co-Founder	04/03/2019	-
Yvette Hill	Secretary / Co-founder	04/03/2019	-
Andrea Jones	Trustee	04/03/2019	14/03/2023
Kimberly Harris	Trustee	13/01/2020	-
Carol Tyler	Trustee	05/10/2022	12/03/2023

The Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance regarding the Charity including setting budgets for grant applications, ensuring the restricted funding budgets are spent on the resources applied for and for deciding how the unrestricted funds of the Charity are to be spent.

The full board of trustees hold General Meetings quarterly to avoid summer holiday periods, which are usually our busiest. Should any situation arise that requires it so, the board are flexible enough to arrange an Extraordinary General Meeting outside of the 'normal' schedule.

Minutes are sent to all board members within days of the meeting taking place and re-sent with the agenda for the upcoming meeting closer to the time. A quarterly summary of the accounts is carried out and made available at the full board meetings. This summary is sent, via email, prior to the full board meeting.

Due to our up-front informality and approachability with our beneficiaries, we continue to find it difficult to recruit 'serious' trustees. Many of the potential trustees seem to have felt that our informal up-front-ness carries over to the background work where compliance and structure is key.

Renumeration

Except for previously agreed out of pocket expenses, the trustees receive no remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

Related Parties

Any connection between a trustee of the charity with any other trustee, advisor or company must be disclosed to the full board of trustees.

At this time, there is one ongoing connection which has been fully disclosed to all members of the board. These connected persons have each signed a Declaration of Interest and have

due regard to the Taff Rocks Financial Safeguarding Policy which prevents any connected party authorising a payment together and, in turn, from being co-signatory on any bank accounts.

Employees

We remain a charity run by volunteers and have no employees.

Appointment and Induction of Trustees

Appointment:

The trustees are made up of members of the communities we serve.

All those who attend and benefit from our classes and workshops are encouraged to put themselves forward.

As set out in our constitution, the original five trustees can remain until retirement or resignation. Of which two have already done so.

Additional trustees, never more than 12 in total (including the five first trustees) are elected, until the maximum is reached and can retire when they no longer wish to serve. Trustees wishing to start "mid-year" are required to put themselves forward, they are then voted upon by a quorate board / committee and a resolution passed to accept them as trustee.

Induction:

All new potential trustees undergo a period of orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, content of the constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, policies, and recent financial performance of the charity.

During the induction period the new trustee will:

- Meet the full board of trustees.
- Be encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.
    - Main training involved the Trustee Training Modules, provided free by ICAEW.
- Be given access to the 'trustee online portal'.
- Be supplied with a suitable email address and assistance on how to set it up.
- Sign any Declarations of Interest made prior to becoming a trustee.

In addition, Taff Rocks provides a hard copy of a Trustee Handbook, specific to Taff Rocks documenting its history, meetings, structure etc. This document is also available to trustees via the portal and updated when necessary. This online portal method is preferred to ensure Taff Rocks maintains its environmental ethos and does not waste paper.

Once they potential trustee is full informed of their role and responsibilities, this individual will become registered with the Charity Commission.

Plans for Our future.

Working with others

It is our intention to continue our collaborative working ethos with the various projects we have been working with and to continue to support other organisations in our communities with the services we provide.

This year we also partnered with GetFit Wales. This involves events we provide becoming a free 'reward' when goals for their participants have been reached. This partnership working will encourage a healthier community both physically and emotionally.

Maintain our collaborative working relationship with Trinity Childcare and Family Centre, Ynysowen Events and Socials (YES), Wellbeing Merthyr, Wellbeing and Health in Ynysowen (WHY), The Nye Family Assessment Centre and others.

Continue our representation on and support the events committee for the local area.

Continue our representation on the Invest Local Ynysowen Steering group.

Work with Invest Local Ynysowen with the implementation of a Community Development officer / individual to benefit the Ynysowen Communities.

Training for trustees

- We will ensure that our trustees receive appropriate training to ensure they are comfortable and competent in their role.

Taff Rocks will continue to broaden its repertoire and interests toward becoming one of the 'go-to' organisations in our area for arts, crafts, cultural, leisure and creative activities.

Reserves Policy

It is Taff Rocks policy to maintain a balance for the 2024 - 2025 period of £1147, to cover core venue costs should we be unable to secure additional funding for the period.

The priority will also be for emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

A portion of the current reserves were included in a funding application from Invest Local Ynysowen.

The reserves going into the 2024 - 2025 period are made up as follows:

- **£347.00** - income generated from non-primary activities, hire of the Smyrna Hall, and diverted to a separate bank account held at NatWest, entitled “Taff Rocks – Reserve”.
- **£800.00** - Invest Local Ynysowen grant

This policy is required to be revisited every 12 months.

Our Volunteers

In addition to the Trustees facilitating workshops and classes, we would like to thank all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our sessions lively and fun.

We want to thank all of our volunteers that have supported us throughout the year. This year we had the pleasure of **three** regular volunteers in various 'roles'.

Volunteers support has come via:

- Co-facilitating in workshops / classes at our home base and within the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil.
- Transportation of equipment and resources throughout the borough.
- Website development and accessibility compliance support.

We have been pleased to be able to offer and facilitate free training for our volunteers. Which include hands on training to gain the knowledge, skills, and experience to be competent and confident to co-facilitate in our events.

Whilst the facilitators are not art therapists or qualified in any mental health related profession, we pride ourselves on being "positive enablers" for beneficiaries acquiring the knowledge and skills to use as a new "tool" in their own self-care toolbox.

Financial Review

Our financial position for year ending 12th January 2024 is as follows:

Restricted income:	£706.42	See note (1a) below
Unrestricted income:	£2257.14	See note (1b) below
Expenditure (including Capital) for period:	£10,844.62	See note (2) below
Liabilities carrying forward to next period:	£0.00	See note (3) below

Notes:

1. The principal sources of funds:
   a. Invest Local Ynysowen £ 706.42
   b. Donations £ 579.37
   Fundraising £ 37.77
   Non-primary activities £ 1640.00
   Cash to be banked £ 0.00
   Excluding existing float £ 30.00

2. Expenditure:
   From restricted funding £ 9406.21
   From unrestricted funding £ 1438.41

3. There are zero liabilities carried over to next period.

This Annual Report was approved by the board of trustees on: **30th August 2024**

And signed on its behalf by: **Yvette Hill** (Name)

Signature: 

Charity Registration number 1192749

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Accounts for the Year ended 12 January 2024

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Charity information

Trustees	Nicola Hill (Chair) Yvette Hill Kimberly Harris
Company Secretary	Nicola Hill
Charity number	1192749
Registered office	Smyrna Chapel Aberfan Road Aberfan Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4QN
Accountants	R H Jeffs & Rowe Limited 27/28 Gelliwastad Road Pontypridd CF37 2HW
Bankers	NatWest 122 High Street Pontypridd CF47 8BN

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Accountants' report on the unaudited financial statements to the trustees of Taff Rocks

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the Year ended 12 January 2024 set out on pages 2 to 8 and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit. In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these unaudited financial statements, in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information supplied to us.

R. H. Jeffs + Rowe Ltd

R H Jeffs & Rowe Limited
Chartered Accountants
27/28 Gelliwastad Road
Pontypridd
CF37 2HW

Date: 22 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 12 January 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Year to 12/01/24	Total year to 12/01/23
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
- Donations		254	-	254	93
- Workshop Income		363	-	363	570
- Hall Hire		1,640	-	1,640	397
- Grants	3	-	706	706	19,904
Total Income and Endowments		2,257	706	2,963	20,964
Expenditure					
Charitable activities					
- Expenditure on Charitable activities	4	337	9,406	9,743	8,296
Total Expenditure		337	9,406	9,743	8,296
Movement in total funds for the year:					
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources before transfers		1,920	(8,700)	(6,780)	12,668
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources		1,920	(8,700)	(6,780)	12,668
Total Funds brought forward		1,132	31,835	32,967	20,299
Total Funds carried forward		3,052	23,135	26,187	32,967

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Charity Registration number 1173261
Balance sheet
as at 12 January 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Fixed Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	**6**		19,900		19,890
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		6,887		13,677	
		6,887		13,677	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**7**	(600)		(600)	
Net Current assets			6,287		13,077
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			26,187		32,967
The Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Funds			3,052		1,132
Restricted Funds			23,135		31,835
Total Charity Funds	**9**		26,187		32,967

The note on pages 4 - 8 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee Board on 22 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by :-

N. Hill
Trustee

Statutory Information

Taff Rocks is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with and regulated by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, registration number 1192749. The registered office is Smyrna Chapel, Aberfan Road, Aberfan, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4QN.

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity consitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
The Trustees have considered going concern and consider that there are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

1.2. Taxation

Taff Rocks, being a registered charity, does not attract income tax on its incoming resources.

1.3. Income & Endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be recieved and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Distribution Income is taken into account on the date paid into the charities bank account.

1.4. Fund Accounting

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise those monies which are available to be used towards the meeting of the charitable objectives of the charity at the discretion of the Trustees.

The restricted funds are monies raised or received for a specific purpose and accounted for in accordance with the donors imposed conditions.

1.5. Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Improvements to Building	-	Over 25 years on a Straight Line basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% per annum on a Reducing Balance basis

2. Net Incoming Resources

	Total Year to 12/01/24 £	Total Year to 12/01/23 £
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	1,091	-
Accountants' remuneration	600	600

3. Income & Endowments

	Total Year to 12/01/24 £	Total Year to 12/01/23 £
Included within Income & Endowments for the Period are:		
Grant Income		
MTCBC Grant	-	4,500
Invest Local	706	8,059
MTCBC SETS Grant	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	7,345
	706	19,904

4. Total resources expended

	Basis of Allocation	Charity Operating Costs	Governance	Total Year to 12/01/24	Total year to 12/01/23
Costs directly allocated to activities		£	£	£	£
Art materials and equipment	Direct	-	-	-	465
Advertising & Printing	Direct	506	-	506	305
Training costs	Direct	1,506	-	1,506	-
Rocks	Direct	-	-	-	201
Clay Project	Direct	706	-	706	-
Equipment & Resources	Direct	1,524	-	1,524	3,666
		4,242	-	4,242	4,637
Support costs allocated to activities					
Rent payable	Direct	52	-	52	52
Light and heat	Direct	835	-	835	277
Repairs and maintenance	Direct	254	-	254	212
Insurance	Direct	591	-	591	632
Administration costs	Direct	1,969	-	1,969	1,866
Cleaning	Direct	109	-	109	20
Accountancy	Direct	-	600	600	600
Depreciation	Direct	1,091	-	1,091	-
		4,901	600	5,501	3,659
		9,143	600	9,743	8,296

5. Staff Costs

	Total Year to 12/01/24	Total year to 12/01/23
	£	£
Staff costs during the Period comprised of the following:		
Staff Salaries and Expenses	-	-
	-	-

During the year the average number of employees was Nil (2023 : Nil).

No employee was paid £60,000 or more during the Period (2023 : Nil).

The Trustees received no remuneration or benefits in connection with the performance of their duties.

6. Property, plant and equipment

	Property improvements £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 13 January 2023	19,450	440	19,890
Additions	-	1,101	1,101
At 12 January 2024	19,450	1,541	20,991
Depreciation			
Charge for the Year	778	313	1,091
At 12 January 2024	778	313	1,091
Net book values			
At 12 January 2024	18,672	1,228	19,900
At 13 January 2023	19,450	440	19,890

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	600	600
	600	600

8. Reserves

	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 13 January 2023	32,967	32,967
Loss for the Year	(6,780)	(6,780)
At 12 January 2024	26,187	26,187

Notes to the financial statements for the Year ended 12 January 2024

9. Unrestricted/Restricted Funds

	At 13/01/23 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers	At 12/01/24 £
Unrestricted Funds	1,132	2,257	(337)	-	3,052
Restricted Funds					
- Invest Local 2019-2020	7,747	706	(4,040)	-	4,413
- SETS Grant MTCBC	19,500	-	(778)	-	18,722
- National Lottery Community Fund	4,588	-	(4,588)	-	-
	32,967	2,963	(9,743)	-	26,187

10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,228	18,672	19,900
Current Assets	2,424	4,463	6,887
Current Liabilities	(600)	-	(600)
	3,052	23,135	26,187