Taff Rocks

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

Registered Charity Number: 1192749

Company Number: CE024340

Annual Report

For period 13/01/2024 – 31/01/2025

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Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st January 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st January 2025.

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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Although not our first community carnival, it was the first one outdoors.

But it rained! We introduced our branded marquees that we have had for some years but never used and the community loved participating in the dry!





Providing a safe space as well as the resources for the local community to be involved with Taff Rocks and to support another local NFP organisation.









We also participate in a variety of community-based events.

This year, the Scarecrow Trail was just one of them, which involved trustees and volunteers creating this rather dubious character that was displayed in our window as part of the trail.

Chairperson's report

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

We continue to increase the number of beneficiaries, but it is far from what it was pre-COVID. Whilst mental health issues have evidently increased, the number of potential beneficiaries still combating issues surrounding going outside remains.

This year, we ran several Mindfulness Mandala Classes in the community, which includes 'mobile' classes under our 'working with others' ethos. These were well attended and enjoyed. We hope to run more in 2025.

We continue to strengthen our relationships with our community members and other organisations within the community. As our positive reputation increases, we find that new relationships and "demands" fall upon us. With this in mind and, as 100% of the board of trustees are volunteers with 'regular' jobs, we realised that we need help.

In the latter part of 2024, we were successful in securing funding for a Project Worker for the next three years. We do not, however, have the knowledge and skills required to become an employer so we sought a 'host employer' from our local community. The 'host' organisation has charitable objectives that aligned with ours. Over the next three years, this organisation will 'coach' and train us with the knowledge required surrounding employment law, wages, HR etc. It is hoped that in three years' time; we'd have the capacity to become the employer ourselves.

We've made so many changes which are cementing our presence in the community and county borough. We are also considering a few additions to our constitution for 2025.

We remain thankful to Invest Local Ynysowen who have been there to support us with grant funding to support our communities.

The lease at the Smyrna venue will expire in March 2024, it is our intention to renew for a further three years. The landlord, MTCBC, understand that a three-year increment on future leases is important to us so we can head up the ladder for sustainability.

One of the biggest blows to Taff Rocks came early in the year when our long-standing Secretary submitted her verbal intention to retire at the end of this report season. Leaving us to get married and emigrate is exciting. An issue arose where, out of the blue, another trustee retired leaving the now former secretary extending her time as Trustee.

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, the support provided to us and the support we provide to others.

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 and creativity as a means of self-care.



Activities, Achievements and Performance

Activities:

Our current activities include:

- Intergenerational free-style rock painting workshops both in our local community and outreach / mobile. At home freestyle workshop offer a taster of everything we do.
- Mindfulness Mandala Classes - ongoing.
- The dot art workshops, like the Mindfulness Mandala classes but without the tuition, are also an ongoing activity.
- Air dry and polymer clay.

Achievements:

Our key achievements this year have been:

March	Completed a whole series of free events during the Easter holidays for the families in the local community.
June	Managed to run our own Mindfulness Mandala Class in between running them for outside organisations around the borough.
July	Facilitated sessions for Community Focused Schools in a local primary school with rocks and clay with a food theme.
	Attended and supported the local annual community carnival.
Aug to Nov	Successfully called the community to action to help us paint over 130 handmade plaster gnomes for a local NFP Org.
October	Participated in the community's Scarecrow Trail, arranged by Community Focused Schools.
November	Attended and supported the community at the annual Christmas Fayre.

Performance:

Following the unexpected retirement of a trustee late in the year, one of our trustees, who had already given notice to retire, agreed to remain until new trustees could be found. This will have a knock-on effect into the 2025 – 2026 year.

We continued to offer our freestyle workshops and calling the community to action with free painting workshops to help another organisation. We were also inundated with mandala classes with our own and facilitating more throughout the year for another organisation.

Structure, Governance and Management

Name	Position	Appointment Date	Resigned / Retired
Nicola Hill	Chairperson / Co-Founder	04/03/2019	-
Yvette Hill	Co-founder / Secretary retired	04/03/2019	-
Kimberly Harris	Trustee	13/01/2020	31/01/2025
Jasmine Wilson	Trustee / Secretary	01/08/2024	

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 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 fully 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.

Maintain our collaborative working relationship with Trinity Childcare and Family Centre (TCFC), Ynysowen Events and Socials (YES), Community Focused Schools, Merthyr Valley Homes, Merthyr Tydfil Housing Association and The Nye Family Assessment Centre, to name but a few

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 and partner with TCFC so they can become the 'host' employer of a much-needed Project Worker for Taff Rocks. We currently do not have the knowledge and skills to become an employer ourselves at this time but it is hoped that, within three years from April 2025, we will have.

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 2025 - 2026 period of £2000, 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.

This policy is required to be revisited every 12 months.



Beginnings of an airdrying clay piece for the Community Focused Schools event we participated in titled "Food and Fun"

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 our volunteers that have supported us throughout the year. This year we had the pleasure of **two** 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 31st January 2025 is as follows:

Restricted income:	£10,432.00	See note (1a) below
Unrestricted income:	£4,524.92	See note (1b) below
Expenditure for period:	£12,599.15	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 £ 4,432.00
      MTCBC – UK SFP Community Asset Transfer Support Grant £ 6000.00
   b. Donations / Fundraising £ 675.79
      Non-primary activities £ 3819.13
      Cash to be banked £ 0.00
      Excluding existing float £ 30.00

2. Expenditure:
   From restricted funding £ 12122.79
   From unrestricted funding £ 476.36

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

This Annual Report was approved by the board of trustees on: 9th June 2025

And signed on its behalf by: Jasmine Wilson (Name)

Signature: 

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Charity Registration Number 1192749

Taff Rocks

Accounts for the Period 13 January 2024 to 31 January 2025

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Charity Information

Trustees	Nicola Denise Hill (Chair) Darryl Stewart John Wilson (Appointed February 2025) Jasmine Emily Wilson (Appointed August 2024) Martin Dinham (Appointed February 2025) Kimberly Harris (Resigned January 2025) Yvette Hill (Resigned May 2025)
Charity Registration 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 2BW
Bankers	NatWest 122 High Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8BN

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Chartered Accountant's Report to the Board of Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited Financial Statements of Taff Rocks for the Period Ended 31 January 2025

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Taff Rocks for the Period ended 31 January 2025 which comprise of Statement of Financial Activity, Balance Sheet and notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at:

www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees of Taff Rocks, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 28 March 2022. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Taff Rocks and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Trustees of Taff Rocks, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 08/16. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Taff Rocks and its Board of Trustees as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Taff Rocks has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of Taff Rocks. You consider that Taff Rocks is exempt from both the statutory audit requirement and requirement for an Independent Examination for the Period ended 31 January 2025.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Taff Rocks. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

R. H. Jeffs + Rowe LTD.

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

Date: 31 July 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period 13 January 2024 to 31 January 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Period to 31/01/25 £	Total Year to 12/01/24 £
Income and Endowments					
Charitable Activities:					
- Donations		218	-	218	254
- Workshop Income		463	-	463	363
- Hall Hire		4,052	-	4,052	1,640
- Grants	2	-	10,432	10,432	706
Total Income and Endowments		4,733	10,432	15,165	2,963
Expenditure					
Charitable Activities	3	830	12,300	13,130	9,143
Governance Costs	3	-	660	660	600
Total Expenditure		830	12,960	13,790	9,743
Movement in Total Funds for the Period:					
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		3,903	(2,528)	1,375	(6,780)
Total Funds Brought Forward		3,052	23,135	26,187	32,967
Total Funds Carried Forward		6,955	20,607	27,562	26,187

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Charity Registration Number 1173261

Balance Sheet
as at 31 January 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Property, Plant and Equipment	6		18,737		19,900
Current Assets					
Cash At Bank and In Hand		9,485		6,887	
		9,485		6,887	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	(660)		(600)	
Net Current Assets			8,825		6,287
Net Assets			27,562		26,187
The Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Funds	9		6,955		3,052
Restricted Funds	9		20,607		23,135
Total Charity Funds			27,562		26,187

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee Board on 12.7.25 and signed on its behalf by :-

J. Tinkler Jasmine Wilson

Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 January 2025

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 January 2025

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:

Property Improvements	-	Over 25 years on a Straight Line basis
Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	-	Over 4 years on a Straight Line basis

2. Income & Endowments

Included within Income & Endowments for the Period are:

	Total Period to 31/01/25 £	Total Year to 12/01/24 £
Grant Income:		
MTCBC Grant	6,000	-
Invest Local	-	706
ILY Driving Change Grant	4,432	-
	10,432	706

3. Total Resources Expended

	Basis of Allocation	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total Period to 31/01/25 £	Total Year to 12/01/24 £
Charitable Activities:					
Advertising & Printing	Direct	-	50	50	506
Training costs	Direct	-	-	-	1,506
Clay Project	Direct	-	-	-	706
Equipment & Resources	Direct	-	299	299	1,524
Rent payable	Direct	-	52	52	52
Light and heat	Direct	-	1,915	1,915	835
Repairs and maintenance	Direct	-	7,671	7,671	254
Insurance	Direct	-	606	606	591
Administration costs	Direct	445	911	1,356	1,969
Cleaning	Direct	-	18	18	109
Depreciation	Direct	385	778	1,163	1,091
		830	12,300	13,130	9,143
Governance Costs:					
Accountancy	Direct	-	660	660	600
		-	660	660	600
Total Expenditure		830	12,960	13,790	9,743

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 January 2025

4. Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources

Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources is stated after charging:

	Total Period to 31/01/25 £	Total Year to 12/01/24 £
Depreciation	1,163	1,091
Accountant's Remuneration	660	600

5. Staff Costs

Staff costs during the Period comprised of the following:

	Total Period to 31/01/25 £	Total Year to 12/01/24 £
Staff Salaries and Expenses	-	-
	-	-

During the Period the average number of employees was Nil (2024 : Nil).

No employee was paid £60,000 or more during the Period (2024 : 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 2024	19,450	1,541	20,991
At 31 January 2025	19,450	1,541	20,991
Depreciation			
At 13 January 2024	778	313	1,091
Charge for the Period	778	385	1,163
At 31 January 2025	1,556	698	2,254
Net book values			
At 31 January 2025	17,894	843	18,737
At 13 January 2024	18,672	1,228	19,900

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	660	600
	660	600

8. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	843	17,894	18,737
Cash at Bank and In Hand	6,112	3,373	9,485
Creditors	-	(660)	(660)
	6,955	20,607	27,562

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 January 2025

9. **Restricted / Unrestricted Funds**

	At 13/01/24 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31/01/25 £
Restricted Funds:				
- Invest Local	4,413	-	(2,651)	1,762
- SETS Grant MTCBC	18,722	-	(778)	17,944
- SPF MTCBC	-	4,432	(3,531)	901
- Driving Change	-	6,000	(6,000)	-
	23,135	10,432	(12,960)	20,607
Unrestricted Funds	3,052	4,733	(830)	6,955
Total Funds	26,187	15,165	(13,790)	27,562