

SOUND OF WALES

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	Rob Jones Sian Rees Stephanie Parish Tim Watson Philip Joiner
Charitable position:	Registered Charity number 1193893
Governing Document:	CIO Foundation Model dated 22 nd March 2021
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st March 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

As set out in the constitution, new trustees are inducted at a trustee meeting following their receipt of the constitution and the latest Annual Trustee Report. A period of training from trustees ensures new trustees are familiar with other policies and operational procedures.

There were no changes to the Trustee Board during the period.

Aim and purposes

1. The advancement of the Christian faith through a variety of creative expressions such as teaching, writing and performing. This will inform people of the reasons for faith in God, and its impact on an individual and society as a whole if lived out honestly and with integrity. This will be expressed in Wales, other parts of the UK and other parts of the world as the trustees see fit.

2. The advancement of education and of the arts through performances, training and the organisation and administration of community choirs and community arts projects. These are intended to build confidence in individuals to improve their wellbeing, and that of those to whom they perform. This will be expressed in Wales, other parts of the UK and other parts of the world as the trustees see fit.

Objectives and Activities

To continue to establish administrative processes, bank account and policies for SoW as a charity; To carry out events and ministry as requested; To build up fresh financial & prayer supporters; To develop songwriting amongst the SoW collective and establish partnership with a publisher.

Achievements and Performance

The work of SoW has continued throughout this year and many members of the SoW family have been involved in many excellent and exciting events.

Key Events and Activities

The following summary is intended to be an overview of the activities of Sound of Wales for the above period. We remain hugely grateful to all the volunteers who help to make this ministry so far reaching and effective.

April 2024

As part of our community work we were able to tour many schools across South Wales with The Easter Project where many children had the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus' death and resurrection.

May 2024

Urban Wordsmiths forms an important part of the Sound of Wales contribution to sharing the gospel among the arts community and various events and mentoring for Welsh poets were held during May.

June 2024

Love a granny and gramps project is focused on bringing joy and the gospel message to residents in OAP care homes across South Wales. SoW was able to visit a number of these with the Sunshine Surprise ministry.

July 2024

The Sound of Wales Community Choirs are a wonderful expression of SoW's reach into communities through music and song. We currently have four choirs meeting weekly and each of them held concerts to end their summer term.

We were also able to spend time planning and marketing for our first children's choir which we hope to establish in Porthcawl.

August 2024

SoW Worship and Spoken Word took part in multiple events at Big Church Festival on a number of stages where we were able to lead worship, play new songs and connect with many other creative ministries from across the UK.

September 2024

At the start of the new school term SoW was able to provide Warm Welsh Welcome Workshops for various colleges and schools in line with the Welsh Baccalaureate and faith projects in higher Education and Sixth Forms.

October 2024

October saw SoW continuing its songwriting gatherings and also saw the recording of the album ONE which has been a great blessing to the gathered church across Wales and beyond.

November 2024

We were able to provide a number of sessions at Lee Abbey Retreat Centre where some of our contribution included songwriting, written word projects and exploring deeper creativity.

December 2024

December is always a very busy month for SoW with many opportunities to share the Christmas message through music, song and spoken word. This year saw the SoW Acapella Christmas Tour visit many and various venues including Workingmen's Halls, theatres, churches, schools and prisons.

January 2025

At the start of 2025, SoW was able to visit Westminster Theological Training College to lead worship for the student body.

February 2025

Filming and producing videos for the forthcoming album release took place in February alongside playing a leading role in two conferences. We were invited to lead worship at the Cant i Gymru conference for all of Wales and also the Kyria Women's conference.

March 2025

We were able to continue our Warm Welsh Welcome Tour in various colleges and held an event called In Her Shoes – a community project on self-esteem and values through creativity.

We also taught worship and intercessory worship training modules in a number of colleges and youth groups.

We are so grateful to God for every opportunity to make him known across our nation and to share the wonderful Good News of the gospel in so many and various situations.

Leadership

SoW continues to be led by Cath and Dai Woolridge. Cath holds the position of Founding CEO and Dai is Joint CEO. They are supported by a team of 5 trustees:

Rob Jones (Chair), Fawn Parish, Sian Wyn Rees, Tim Watson and Phil Joiner.

Trustees meet at least 3 times a year and there are various meetings involving different combinations of trustees with Cath and Dai throughout the year.

Reserves Policy

SoW continues to hold a healthy reserve of £8,000 with the aim of having enough reserves to be able to cover 4 months expenses. Our aim is to grow our income to be able to employ Cath full time and Dai for a day.

This report is signed on behalf of the Trustees on 14/01/2026 by Robert Jones as Trustee

Signed:



INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

SOUND OF WALES

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

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 year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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. 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Paul Burnell

Paul Burnell ACMI

For and on behalf of:

C Management Services (trading name of C Mgmnt Services Ltd)
69 Velindre Road
Cardiff CF14 2TF

Date: 14th January 2026

SOUND OF WALES
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS					
<i>Receipts from generated funds</i>	2	21,013	-	21,013	23,295
<i>Receipts from charitable activities</i>	3	12,439	-	12,439	13,869
<i>Other receipts</i>	4	-	-	-	-
Interest received		19	-	19	17
Total Receipts		33,471	-	33,471	37,181
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	5	35,379	-	35,379	31,750
Governance costs		-	-	-	-
Total payments		35,379	-	35,379	31,750
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(1,908)	-	(1,908)	5,431
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 st April 2024		10,335	-	10,335	4,904
Fund balances at 31 st March 2025		8,427	-	8,427	10,335

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. Fixed Assets

	Insurance Value 2025 £	Insurance Value 2024 £
The value of assets owned are:		
Equipment	<u>5,000</u> 5,000	<u>5,000</u> 5,000

2. Bank & Cash Balances

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>8,427</u> 8,427	<u>10,335</u> 10,335

3. Other Assets and Liabilities

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Assets</i>		
Gift aid tax recovery not yet received	-	-
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unbilled fee for Independent Examination	150	150

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 14th January 2026 by Rob Jones as Trustee

Signed: 

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities

2. Voluntary receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gift Aid donations	4,625	-	4,625	2,277
Other donations	15,225	-	15,225	20,707
Tax recovered	1,163	-	1,163	311
	<u>21,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,013</u>	<u>23,295</u>

3. Receipts from charitable activities

Conferences and events	12,439	-	12,439	13,869
	<u>12,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,439</u>	<u>13,869</u>

4. Other Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grant received	-	-	-	-
Other sundry receipts	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
a. Direct Charitable Costs				
Salaries & staff expenses	16,816	-	16,816	19,443
Event expenses	15,484	-	15,484	9,248
	<u>32,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,300</u>	<u>28,691</u>
b. Support and Administration				
Administration and general expenses	2,534	-	2,534	2,532
Insurance	545	-	545	527
	<u>3,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,079</u>	<u>3,059</u>

6. Staff and Trustees

The charity has one part-time employed member of staff. Its activities are generally carried out by volunteers. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

No remuneration or trustee expenses were paid to any other trustee during the year, nor to any person connected to them.