

# PONTSTICILL COMMUNITY GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1194704

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-06-07

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF PONTSTICILL AND SURROUNDING AREA; AND2. TO PROMOTE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN PONTSTICILL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SAID PEOPLE.

**Activities:** We are a community group that protects, enhances and preserves our village and surrounding areas, promotes the cultural, educational, historical and environmental importance of Pontsticill. We promote environmental improvement and conservation and we enable recreational opportunities by supporting events and activities for the local and wider community.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** IN PONTSTICILL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Merthyr Tydfil

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£18,170	£14,917	-	-
2024-03-31	£10,068	£13,562	-	-
2023-03-31	£13,933	£13,482	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,509	£9,328	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Phillip Williams	Chair	2023-07-28
Constance Walker		2021-06-25
JULIE WILLIAMS		2021-06-25
Robin Fawcett		2021-06-25

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## **Pontsticill Community Group**

### **Trustees Annual Report**

**July 2025**

**Registered Charity Number 1194704**

#### **1. Introduction**

This annual report provides a summary of the work undertaken by Pontsticill Community Group between April 2024 and March 2025

We became a charitable incorporated organisation in June 2021. Our stated purpose is:

- a. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and enhancement of the physical and natural environment of the village of Pontsticill and surrounding area; and
- b. To promote, for the benefit of the people who live and work in Pontsticill and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of said people.”

The community group holds meetings of trustees and members every 2 months.

We have sought grant funding to complete environmental and conservation work over the past year and have continued to organise social activities and volunteer days.

#### **2. Trustees**

The following provides information on our current charitable trustees:

Name	Role	Date of appointment
Mr Phil Williams	Chair	July 2023
Mr Tony Pritchard	Secretary	July 2021
Ms Connie Walker	Treasurer	July 2021
Ms Julie Williams	Social Media and Events Officer	July 2021
Mr R Fawcett	Trustee	July 2021

#### **3. Members**

There are currently 21 members of the charity.

## **4. Activities during the past year**

### **4.1. Events and fundraising**

We held a summer party on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We held a Christmas raffle in December 2024 to raise funds for the community group

We produced an annual calendar which raised around 1K in sales

We held a St Davids day event on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This was well attended, and we raised £286 for our funds.

### **4.2. Grant funding**

We received the following grant monies during the year:

MTCBC acquisition grant – 3.5k for purchase and works to toilets.

Tesco – 1k for parent and toddler group.

Ffos y Fran - £850 for running costs of toilets.

Community foundation Wales – 2k for insurances and running costs.

The Local Places for Nature Connector Grant - £7.230 for hedge planting and fencing to the common.

### **4.3. Purchase of toilets**

The community group agreed to take forward the purchase of the village toilets and bus shelter from the local council which has previously been run on an annual lease basis. The cost of this is covered by an acquisition grant of 2.5K with additional grant monies of 1K for works required. The conveyancing of this is ongoing though expected to be completed soon.

### **4.4. Volunteer days**

We continue to hold monthly volunteer days to maintain the village and surrounding area. This includes litter picking and undertaking maintenance of planted areas, hedges and verges.

### **4.5. Other activities**

We reached the high standards needed to achieve the internationally renowned Green Flag Community Award for 2024.

We were assessed for a 'It's your neighbourhood' award on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is part of the Wales in Bloom competition. We were awarded level 4 and received positive feedback from the assessment process.

We were awarded a Local Places for Nature – Connector Grant in Autumn 2024 by Bannau Brycheiniog National Park. This has been used to create new hedges along parts of the common boundary and for biodiversity habitat improvements in the area. This project has been supported by the Local Nature Partnership with Funding from the Welsh Government

We continue to link with our twinned community in Livre Sur Changeon and some of their residents attended our summer event in the village

We produce a newsletter twice each year for the local community.

#### **4.6. Policies**

We developed and approved a social media policy in June 2025.

An annual review of our safeguarding policy was completed in November 2024

#### **Pontsticill Community Group Trustees**

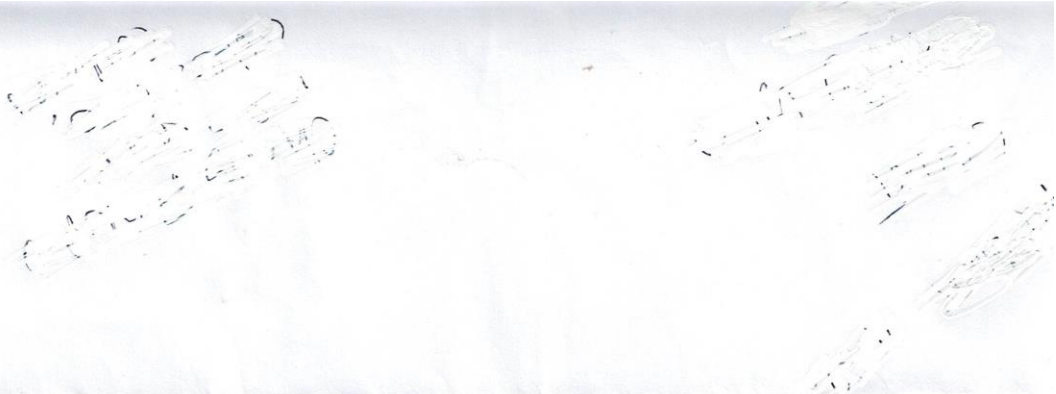
**July 2025**

**PONTSTICILL COMMUNITY GROUP INCOME EXPENDITURE REPORT  
COVERING THE PERIOD 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

Balance brought forward	£3,931.82	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grants	9370.00	
Calendars	-680.00	
Brecon National Park	6839.95	
Misc	<del>1280.00</del>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 18,169.95</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Insurance	1829.57	
Utilities	686.49	
Toilets	414.4	
Rent	1140	
Plants/Garden works	4651	
Events	420.74	
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Misc	£4,574.31	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 14,916.51</b>	
Balance at the 31st March 2025	£7,185.26	
Bank Balance at 31st March 2025	£7,185.26	
uncleared cheques	0	
Balance at 31st March 2025	£7,185.26	

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## **Trustees Annual Report**

**July 2024**

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The community group holds meetings of trustees and members every 2 months. We produce a newsletter twice each year for the local community.

We have sought grant funding to complete environmental and conservation work over the past year, and have continued to organise social activities and volunteer days.

## 2. Trustees

The following provides information on our current charitable trustees:

Name	Role	Date of appointment
Mr Phil Williams	Chair	July 2023
Mr Tony Pritchard	Secretary	July 2021
Ms Connie Walker	Treasurer	July 2021
Ms Julie Williams	Social Media and Events Officer	July 2021
Mr R Fawcett	Trustee	July 2021

Mr Mark Ward retired from the role of secretary in July 2023.

## 3. Members

There are currently 21 members of the charity.

## 4. Activities during the past year

### 4.1. Twinning with Livre Sur Changeon, Brittany.

We have continued to build our links with our twinned community in Brittany, sharing our newsletter and updating them on our work. Our secretary visited Livre Sur Changeon in September 2023 and we hope to develop links between our respective local schools.

### 4.2. Events

We held a community group stall at Vaynor show on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>

We organised a village summer event on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>.

We held a children's Christmas party on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, jointly funded with the Memorial Hall committee.

We hosted a carol evening on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>

We held a St Davids day evening on Friday March 1st

#### **4.3. Volunteer days**

We continue to hold volunteer days each month (dependent on the weather) to do litter picks and maintenance work within the village.

#### **4.4. Policies**

We approved a health and safety policy in August 2023

We reviewed our equal opportunities and environmental statement in September 2023

We reviewed our safeguarding policy in November 2023

#### **4.5. Other activities**

We also carry out the following activities as a part of our work:

- Maintain the village public toilets.
- Maintain the play park.
- Maintain flower beds and flower planters.
- Maintain a book exchange in the village.
- Undertake repair work and maintenance of the burial ground.
- Produce our annual calendar to raise funds for the community group.
- We have achieved a Green Flag award.
- We have entered the assessment process for Wales in Bloom / Your neighbourhood.

We suspended the parent and toddler group in January 2023 due to low numbers. This has been affected by road closures over the past year and will be reviewed once the road is reopened.

Thanks to our trustees, members and volunteers for the help and support that they have provided over the past year.

**Pontsticill Community Group Trustees**

**July 2024**

PONTSTIGILL COMMUNITY GROUP INCOME EXPENDITURE REPORT  
COVERING THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2023 TO 31st MARCH 2024

Balance brought forward £7,426.52

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The community group holds meetings of trustees and members every 2 months. We produce a newsletter twice each year for the local community.

We have been successful in both raising funds and in attracting grant funding to support a variety of work over the past year.

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Mr R Fawcett	Trustee	July 2021

## 3. Members

There are currently 22 members of the charity.

## 4. Activities during the past year

### 4.1. Dathlu Cymraeg

Grant funding allowed us to provide a series of initiatives to promote and celebrate the Welsh language and culture over the past year. These included:

- Commissioning a booklet of local place names
- A ‘Noson Lawen’ evening of entertainment in October 2022
- A St David’s day celebration in March 2023
- Welsh language classes
- Playground markings

#### **4.2. Twinning with Livre Sur Changeon, Brittany.**

We have continued to build our links with our twinned community in Brittany, sharing our newsletter and updating them on our work. A first exchange visit took place in March 23. Our guests visited a number of local groups and attractions and met our community group members. During this visit, our mayor formally endorsed our twinning charter.

#### **4.3. Events**

**In addition to our Dathlu Cymraeg events, we held the following events over the past year:**

- A fundraising event in October 2022 in support of the mayors chosen charities.
- A refreshment tent at Vaynor show in August 2022
- A Halloween party in association with the memorial hall committee in October 2022
- A Christmas Fayre and a children's Christmas party in December 2022

#### **4.4. Volunteer days**

We continue to hold volunteer days each month (dependent on the weather) to do litter picks and maintenance work within the village.

#### **4.5. Other activities**

We also carry out the following activities as a part of our work:

- Maintain the village public toilets.
- Run a weekly parent and toddler group.
- Maintain the play park.
- Maintain flower beds and flower planters.
- Maintain a book exchange in the village.
- Undertake repair work and maintenance of the burial ground.
- Produce our annual calendar to raise funds for the community group.
- We have achieved a Green Flag award.
- We have given initial consideration to a 'village gateway' feature.

Thanks to our trustees, members and volunteers for the help and support that they have provided over the past year.

**Pontsticill Community Group Trustees**

**July 2023**

PONTSTIGILL COMMUNITY GROUP INCOME EXPENDITURE REPORT  
COVERING THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2022 TO 31st MARCH 2023

Balance brought forward	£6,976.14
<b>INCOME</b>	
Grants	8050.00
Calendars	1902.00
Donations	550.00
Christmas Fayre	1287.90
Miscellaneous	1343.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£13,912.90</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Litter Pick	73.04
Toilet Costs	612.25
Forest Park	406.79
Parent & Toddler	595.16
Plants/Materials/Equipment	1858.80
Farm Forestry	206.40
Events	2597.95
Room Hire	950.00
Printing	648.95
Insurance	1355.73
Misc	3067.44
Mayors Appeal	1000.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£13,482.52</b>

£7,428.52
<u>£7,428.52</u>
£7,611.52
<u>195</u>
<u>£7,428.52</u>

Balance at 31st March 2023  
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Bank balance at 31st March 2023  
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**Pontsticill Community Group**  
**Annual Report**  
**April 21 to March 22**

This annual report summarises the work of Pontsticill Community Group between April 2021 and March 2022

**1. Charitable Trustees**

Current trustees of the community group are:

Tony Pritchard	Chair
Connie Walker	Treasurer
Mark Ward	Secretary
Julie Williams	Social Media and Events Officer
Robin Fawcett (RF)	Grants Officer

**2. Membership**

There are currently 20 members of the community group

**3. Finances**

Income for the financial year was £4,509.05 with a brought forward balance of £11,795.19

Expenditure for the financial year was £9,328.10

The balance at year end was £9,038.91

<b>Grant funding</b>	
VAMT grants	£1,800
Dŵr Cymru / Welsh Water	£120
BBNP Community Nature Recovery Fund	£10,000
	*Money allocated to and managed by BBNP

<b>Other income</b>	
Christmas sales	£1562.05
Fundraising	£657
Donations	£370

#### **4. Policies and guidance.**

We approved an environmental statement and equal opportunities statement in October 21.

We developed our safeguarding policy, risk assessment and action plan in January 22. Our actions have been taken forward and our trustees have undertaken safeguarding training.

#### **5. Activities**

##### **5.1. Volunteer days and maintenance work**

We have run our monthly volunteer days regularly over the past year. We have done our litter picks and other work to maintain the village. Thanks to everyone who has taken part in these days.

We undertook maintenance and repairs of the public toilets prior to these being re-opened in April 22

Some clearance and dry-stone walling has been undertaken on the burial ground.

We have formalised arrangements for the PCG to manage 2 areas of land in the village owned by DCWW.

We are planning for a stone 'village gateway' to be built at the entrance to the village from Vaynor.

##### **5.2. Social activities**

Though we couldn't hold our Christmas fayre last December due to continuing issues with Covid, we held a brief event for carol singing and a raffle. We also sold our calendars and cards which raised some income for the group.

We received some grant funding from VAMT for a staff event. We used this to bring together our PCG members and volunteers for an evening meal, and to hold a community open morning. We provided information about our work as a group, invited participants to complete a questionnaire, and consulted on our future plans.

A jubilee celebration was jointly organised between the PCG and Memorial Hall Committee in June 22.

We have agreed to provide the refreshment tent facilities at Vaynor show this year.

### **5.3. Welsh language and culture activities**

We received grant funding from Ffos y Fran to support a 'Dathlu Cymraeg' project which will celebrate Welsh Language and culture. Some funding is to host a future twinning visit from Brittany. We are also installing playground markings, running a series of 7 Welsh language classes, having a booklet produced on local place names and organising an evening of song plus a 'Dathlu Cymraeg' event.

### **5.4. Newsletters**

We produced autumn / winter and spring / summer newsletter and these are circulate to our local residents. We produce Welsh / English versions of these along with a French version for our twinning community. We also translate this into Ukrainian for families who have moved to the village. We have also developed a welcome letter for new residents. This explains the work of the PCG along with contacts and local information.

### **5.6. Green Flag Award**

We were assessed for a Green Flag award for the village and park in the summer. We were notified of our success in September. The award is an accreditation given to publicly accessible parks and open spaces, in order to promote standards of good management and best practice.

### **5.7. Twinning project**

We have established our links with the twinning committee in Livre Sur Changeon, Brittany. We've had several meetings with their committee members. We hosted a meeting between our respective Mayors, our local counsellors and Council Leader to formalise a twinning charter in March 22.

### **5.8. Taf Fechan Landscape & Community Project**

We linked into this project steering group and a number of working groups have looked at common issues such as biodiversity, recreation, antisocial behaviour, communication and wellbeing. A group of representatives has continued to meet to take forward aspects of work.

Thanks to our officers, members and volunteers for their work over the past year, and to the other individuals and groups who support our work as a charity.

**Tony Pritchard**  
**Chair**  
**Pontsticill Community Group**  
**Registered Charity No 1194704**  
**July 22**

**PONTSTICILL COMMUNITY GROUP INCOME EXPENDITURE REPORT  
COVERING THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2021 TO 31st MARCH 2022**

**Balance brought forward** £11,795.19

**INCOME**

VAMT - Grants	£1,800.00
Christmas sales	£1,562.05
Welsh Water	£120.00
Donations	£370.00
Fundraising	£657.00

**Total Income** £4,509.05

**EXPENDITURE**

Toilet costs	£1,867.35
Insurance	£1,574.02
Forest Park	£1,174.24
Plants/materials/equipment	£3,779.15
Willow Park	£135.00
Stationery	£678.34
Lottery Fee	£20.00
Accounts check	£100.00

**Total Expenditure** £9,328.10

**Balance at 31st March 2022** £6,976.14

**Balance at 31st March 2022** £6,976.14

**Bank balance at 31st March 2022** £9,038.91

**uncleared cheques** 2062.77

**Balance at 31st March 2022** £6,976.14

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