



Pontsticill Community Group

Trustees Annual Report

July 2023

Registered Charity Number 1194704

1. Introduction

This annual report provides a summary of the work undertaken by Pontsticill Community Group over the past year.

We became a charitable incorporated organisation in June 2021, and 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 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.

2. Trustees

The following provides information on our current charitable trustees:

Name	Role	Date of appointment
Mr Tony Pritchard	Chair	July 2021
Ms Connie Walker	Treasurer	July 2021
Mr Mark Ward	Secretary	July 2021
Ms Julie Williams	Social Media and Events Officer	July 2021
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.

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

Balance brought forward £5,976.14

INCOME

Grants 8050.00
Calendars 1902.00
Donations 550.00
Christmas Fayre 1287.90
Miscellaneous 1343.00

Total Income

£13,912.90

EXPENDITURE

Litter Pick 73.04
Toilet Costs 612.25
Forest Park 406.79
Parent & Toddler 506.16
Plants/Materials/Equipment 1858.80
Farm Forestry 208.40
Events 2597.96
Room Hire 950.00
Printing 848.95
Insurance 1355.73
Misc 3067.44
Mayors Appeal 1000.00

Total Expenditure

£13,482.52

Balance at 31st March 2023

£7,428.52

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Bank balance at 31st March 2023

£7,611.52

Uncleared cheques

185

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£7,426.52

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