

NARBERTH OLD SCHOOL TRUST CIO

Registered Charity Number 1194808



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to



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**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the period
1st May 2021 to 30th April 2022**

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Mr. A. Williams (Independent financial adviser)

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year end 31st April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

Charity number 1194808 Registered in England and Wales

Registered office address
Narberth Old School Trust CIO
Bwthyn Pioden,
Jesse Road
Narberth
Pembrokeshire SA67 7DP

Trustees
Susan Mary Rees (Chair)
Charles Lewellyn Salmon
Andrew John Rees
Jay-Dee Jeffries

Governing document
Registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 16th June 2021

Bankers
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LEICESTER
LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner
Andrew Williams
19 Queens Court
Narberth
Pembrokeshire
SA67 7AN

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Structure, Governance and Management

Narberth Old School Trust CIO (NOST) was registered as a Charity on 16th June 2021 and is governed according to its constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the trustees. It has four trustees who meet as necessary, to set policies, determine strategy, make all the management decisions and review the operations to ensure they meet the aims and objectives of the Charity. All trustees are volunteers and the founder trustees were appointed for an unlimited time period. Natural turnover of trustees will occur from time to time and a review will be carried out as required. New members will be recruited at need.

The General Committee is called the Friends of Narberth Old School, and comprises of the trustees, representatives of other community groups and anyone who has an interest in Community and wishes to contribute. The General Committee raise funds, recruit volunteers and host events in support of NOST CIO; they meet at need.

Public benefit statement

The charity advances its objects for public benefit by continuing to monitor the advancing plans agreed, to ensure that the community element of the project is met in full, for the community and any members of the general public who want to use it, and to safeguard and protect the Victorian building into the future for the benefit of all.

Risk management

Any staff and volunteers required to work for NOST CIO will be fully trained for the positions they hold and appropriate policies and procedures will be set in place. It is the policy of NOST CIO to proactively identify, understand and manage any risks inherent in our services and associated plans and strategies, now and in the future.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives: The NOST CIO are continuing to maintain and advance its objects for public benefit and to safeguard and protect the Victorian building into the future, for the benefit of the all. We continue to closely monitor the advancing plans, and ensuring the community element of the project is met in full as agreed, for the community and any members of the general public who want to use it as a venue for a new library and a hub for the community. Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO, for the purposes which are not charitable.

Activities: We have completed our first objective of saving the Old Victorian building at the top of Narberth High Street, as an icon of the town. It has now been totally restored to it's original glory and stands as a wonderful example of why these old buildings, that mean so much to their communities, should be kept and restored, not demolished for a supermarket!

History

When Narberth Community Primary School moved to a new site in July 2007, the Friends of Narberth Old School (FoNOS) was formed, to lobby Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC),

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and find a way to save the iconic Victorian building, at the head of our High Street, which had been Narberth School. since 1872. FoNOS wanted to restore the iconic Victorian building at all costs, save it for the use of the community, the betterment of the town, and for future generations to enjoy. Reports and plans were made but all were rejected without discussion by PCC.

The old buildings were just left to become derelict over the next ten years. After several failed attempts to sell the plot for a supermarket; on 9th January 2017, the County Council (PCC) announced that they intended to demolish the entire site before the 31st March 2017, and turn it into a temporary car park until a viable alternative plan could be found. This was disappointing to say the least, as the community had always stated quite clearly, since the closure in 2007, that they wanted the Victorian part of the school saved, restored and put to good use.

This decision instigated FoNOS producing a petition against the demolition of the Victorian building; with more than 3500 signatures, which was presented to PCC, with an Expression of Interest from FoNOS; many influential people, added their letters of support, including The Commissioner for Future Generations and Narberth Town Council. An independent Bat Survey was also carried out, and as a result, PCC were unable to start the demolition, as FoNOS were able to prove that there were bats present in the building, and it was announced that a full Bat Survey would need to be carried out, prior to any further action being taken.

After ten years PCC agreed to talk to the community on 26th July 2017, to consider their current proposal and view a presentation. Eventually, PCC agreed to the community plan, but there was a protracted delay, due to the many obstacles that had to be overcome, before work was allowed to start on 21st February 2021, with the demolition of the 1960s extension. Narberth Old School Trust (NOST), as a not for profit charity, was granted CIO status on 16th June 2021, to take the plans forward.

Achievements and Performance

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the community plans have had to be adapted to meet the resulting changes in need for the country, the county, the surrounding community and the town, whilst still meeting the best outcomes for all. This required all stakeholders to regroup and compromise. It was decided, after consultation with all stakeholders, that the best outcome in the present financial climate, would be for the old Victorian building to be restored first and used for commercial purposes; this could be completed whilst the legal wrangling continued and the community element of the project would be housed in the new building.

The iconic Victorian building has now been totally restored and it opened on 15th December 2021, as a Food Hwb. It has proved to be a great success and an asset to Narberth High Street, drawing many more people into the town.

The community element has been designed, as a part of the new buildings, and occupies a prime site on the corner of the new development, overlooking the Towns Moor and car park. It is a brand new, purpose built building, which was started in August 2021 and will shortly be

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ready to be handed over to the community, at 'shell and core'. The building will be completed to become a community hub, to incorporate Narberth Community Library, a display area for the Narberth Museum and a Clerk's office for Narberth Town Council, who will be holding their meetings there and paying an annual donation. It will not encroach on any other facilities already provided in the town but small community groups will be able to use it to meet if they wish. Funds are in the process of being accessed, via appropriate grants and funding, as well as fundraising and donations from the community, to take the building from 'shell and core', to make it fit for multi purposes and maintain it into the future.

Future Plans

To raise as much as possible through grants, funding and donations, to make the building fit for multi purposes, maintain it into the future for the benefit of all, and to get it open to the public by the middle of 2024.

NOST CIO are continuing to maintain and advance its objects for public benefit and to safeguard and protect the Victorian building into the future, for the benefit of the all. We continue to closely monitor the advancing plans, ensuring the community element of the project is met in full, as agreed, for the community and any members of the general public who want to use it, as a venue for a new library and a hub for the community.

Financial review and reserves policy

The total income for the period is £1050.00 from donations

Total hours to date have been given on a volunteer basis, and any materials necessary have been donated; therefore there has been no expenditure incurred for the period.

The income represents donations over the period ended 30th April 2022. Taking into account the reserve of £335.00 for any unexpected payments, this leaves £1385.00 in the charity's unrestricted funds at 30th April 2022 and this constitutes the reserves of the charity.

It is the Board's intention to continue developing a Risk Register and Reserves Policy and to build up sufficient reserves and maintain sufficient funds to continue to operate the charity and meet any unforeseen circumstances. The budget and expenditure are agreed in accordance with available resources.

The total income is under the current £500,000 audit threshold in the Charities Act 2011 and the Trustees have therefore agreed that the accounts should be independently examined rather than incurring the additional costs of audit.

Trustees' responsibilities

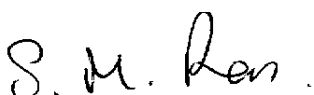
The Trustees of the charity acknowledge their responsibility to maintain proper accounting records, to prepare Annual Accounts which show a true and fair view of the activities of the charity and to take appropriate measures to protect the assets of the charity from major loss.

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This Report is made under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Approval


This report was approved by the Trustees on 20th January 2023 and is signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

S. M. Rees, Chair of Narberth Old School Trust

Date: 4th January 2023

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 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name NARBERTH OLD SCHOOL TRUST CIO		No (if any) 1194808		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date 01-May-21	To	Period end date 30-Apr-22	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,050	-	-	1,050	325
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,050	-	-	1,050	325
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank Balance 30.04.21	325	-	-	325	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	325	-	-	325	NIL
Total receipts	1,375	-	-	1,375	NIL
A3 Payments					
NONE	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	NIL	-	-	NIL	NIL
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
NONE	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	NIL	-	-	NIL	NIL
Net of receipts/(payments)	NIL	-	-	NIL	NIL
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	NIL	-	-	NIL	NIL

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Donations in bank	1,375	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,375	NIL	NIL
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	1385	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	NONE	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NONE		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NONE		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	NONE		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	S. M. Rees	Mrs. Susan Mary Rees	04.01.2023	9

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

NARBERTH OLD SCHOOL TRUST CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th April 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1194808

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

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Date:

23 / 1 / 23

Name:

Andrew Williams

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

19 Queens Court

Narberth

Pembrokeshire SA67 7AN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.