



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report

01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Charity name: **The Pill Trust**

Charity registration number: **1197441**

Aim and Purpose

The Pill Trust is founded on Christian principles of generosity and justice. We aim to serve alongside others to see a hope-filled and flourishing Pillgwenlly.

The charity was born from a shared Christian faith and passionate desire to work collaboratively with existing local community groups and partnerships, whilst also bringing our energy and experience to help pioneer fresh and creative thinking to the challenges in our community.

Objectives and Activities

The current focus of The Pill Trust is working with children, clothing, and food.

Every week during term time we run 2 toddler groups, an after-school play session, and a play cafe. In the holidays we run a free 2 hour 'holiday games' holiday provision which runs for a minimum of 2 days (previously called 'breakfast and boardgames'). We also hosted a big light party at Halloween for the families of the community, with about 100 children attending, plus their parents.

We have changed how we run our clothing swap shop. We noticed that for some people it was a great help to them to be able to bring a high volume of poor-quality clothing, which was a lot of work for us to process and they would end up with lots of points that they didn't need. Conversely, we had some attendees who didn't have spare clothes to donate but were in great need of more clothes, so we were bending the points rule to accommodate them. Now we no longer use the points system. The swap shop is open during every Tuesday toddler group and people can take what they like provided they don't exceed the one bag limit. Donations are then received on a much rarer basis, where we welcome all quantity and quality of clothing, which we then process.

Finally, we give food provision – we delivered 1500 food 'Bags of Hope' to the residents at Christmas, plus toiletries and other treats to local care homes.

We continue to run a small community pantry which can be accessed on an 'as needs be' basis, which has grown due to the closing and suspension of other local food provision. We also support the Pill Millennium centre in their weekly food co-op, by providing boxes of cereal for their provision. We have donated at least 1200 boxes so far.

When planning activities for the year, the Trustees consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and ensure that activities are carried out in line with this.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain a network of volunteers, and these come from St Stephen's church as well as the local community. We also have key links to other organisations in the community and work together with these.

Achievements and Performance

Children

Our toddler group has nearly 80 families connected with it via the toddler group WhatsApp, which translates to around 12-18 children plus carers attending the Tuesday group, and between 5-12 attending the Monday group. The Monday toddler group is steadily growing, as Beth now teaches functional English to the parents during the session, which is proving to be popular and meeting a need.

We run Holiday Games every holiday break and receive on average 30 children and their parents/carers each session – our highest was a record breaking 70 children.

Thursday play is an afterschool play session for families where we bring out more play equipment in the garden play space, open the hall and provide cheese toasties. The number of attendees of children can range from 10-30 children.

We now also run a play cafe two days a week in the church hall. This has fluctuated in numbers; it began by attracting parents outside of Pill but now has settled to some local regulars. Numbers have dropped from around 6-8 families a session to 3-4, and we are developing new strategies to improve this.

Youth Bus

We are planning on installing a converted bus onto the church car park. Purchase of the bus was enabled by donations, and then its refurbishment was thanks to The Wooden Spoon charity. The hope is that it can be a youth space for older kids to hang out and connect in a safe place.

Future developments

We are looking at options for two containers to be installed on the church car park. One will be used for the community pantry, as the current solution of storing all the food in the church is not sustainable, and the other will be used as a meeting place for small groups.

Financial Review

This year, total receipts were £81876, a significant increase from previous years. The increase was across all areas of our work and specifically we applied for funding or requested donations to support some exciting new projects.

These projects include; a youth bus to give older children a safe space to meet, grants to convert an area of the church hall into a play space and sensory area so we could open our play cafe, funding to create an additional post of Assistant Outreach worker and donations towards buying a container to run our community pantry from.

Our principal sources of income were from Pill Unity (via POBL), Newport City Council (for Playcafe), Love Christmas (for Bags of Hope). We also partnered with ToCH who helped us apply for a large grant from Community Funding to support the Outreach Worker and Assistant salaries for the next year.

As previous years, most of our income was given for specific projects and therefore was restricted.

During the year we spent £59681, a slight increase on the previous year.

Our largest outgoing remains the provision of wages, plus employee administration costs for the Outreach worker (£21k). We also have significant outgoings for our annual Bags of Hope

(£16k). Another main area of spend was creating the play space and continuing to provide play spaces and sessions for the local community (£10k). We were also able to buy the bus for the youth project with additional money being carried into next year for renovations.

Smaller outgoings included a Community Eat Out event and hosting the Extreme Tour.

There are then additional spends for administration of the charity.

The net result of the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £22195. This is all restricted funds ready to support the work of the coming year (mainly for the salary of our Outreach worker as well as reserves to support the Youth bus and Community Pantry).

To continue the work of the charity, the committee will continue looking for sources of funding and we are in the process of reviewing other areas of grants and support that the charity can tap in to.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of the Trustees is set out in the Constitution.

Current Trustees consist of the incumbent of St Stephen's, along with V. Ede and K. Hasler. C. Edwards resigned from the Trustee board and was replaced by K. Hasler on 18th January 2025 as per constitution.

The trustees continue to be supported by the Outreach worker, the Finance Officer along with other key members of St Stephen's congregation and the local community.

Future trustees will be selected with preference on residents who reflect the community of Pill and can represent the needs of the community.

The Pill Trust is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Reference and Administrative details

The Pill Trust is situated in Pill, Newport. The correspondence address is St Stephen's Vicarage, Adeline Street, Newport., Gwent, NP20 2HA.

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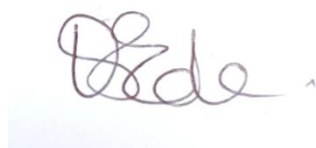
Trustees who have served from 1st April 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Chair:	The Reverend Justin Groves
Elected Trustees:	Valery Ede Kevin Hasler

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V Ede', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2025

The Pill Trust

Financial Statement for 24/25 for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Donations	2504	23721	26225
Grants	1315	53941	55255
Fundraising	367	28	395
Other			0
	<hr/> 4186	<hr/> 77690	<hr/> 81876

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Payments			
Cost of fundraising events			0
Other running costs	1964	628	2592
Wages / salaries		21467	21467
Pension contributions		1107	1107
Hall Rent / Heating	400		400
Repairs and maintenance	1372		1372
Insurance	257		257
Telephone, internet and postage	560	72	632
Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies		80	80
Grants and donations paid			0
Costs of charitable activities			
Children		10070	10070
Bags of Hope		16443	16443
Outreach Other		2262	2262
Youth Work		3000	3000
Purchase of fixed assets			
	<hr/> 4553	<hr/> 55128	<hr/> 59681

Excess of Receipts over Payments	-367	22562	22195
Transfers between funds	685	-685	
	<hr/> 318	<hr/> 21877	<hr/> 22195

Bank Current Account 01 Apr	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 10634	<hr/> 10651
Bank Current Account 31 Mar	<hr/> 335	<hr/> 32511	<hr/> 32846

Restricted funds Remaining

Bags of Hope	2278
Children	2806
Youth	2050
Outreach worker	18009
Outreach	5159
Fees	<hr/> 2211
	32511



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

THE PILL TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1197441

Set out on pages

(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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

11/09/2025

Name:

GEMMA LOUISE HARRIS

Relevant professional
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.