



Friends of Bangor Garth Pier

Charity registration number: 1198201

Trustees' Annual Report

This annual report covers the period from 1/4/22 to 31/3/23

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For the period from 1 April 2022 to March 2023

Chair's Introduction

As Chair of Friends of Bangor Garth Pier, I am delighted to introduce our first Trustees' Annual Report. As reported below, our charity goes from strength to strength. Our community involvement, both in terms of recruitment of local volunteers and the showcasing of local talent at our shop has already far surpassed our initial aims.

The contribution of Bangor Garth Pier to the local community and the wider area is tremendous – it has become a very important destination for locals and visitors alike (both from all parts of the UK and worldwide), and we as a charity are very proud to have played, and to continue to play, a significant part in its success.

Avril Wayte, Chair Friends of Bangor Garth Pier

Objectives and Activities

1. Purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

Our purposes are to support the protection, preservation, restoration and improvement of Bangor Garth Pier, for the public benefit.

To advance the education of the public in understanding the history, heritage of this Victorian structure and its location on the Menai Strait.

2. Main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Our charity was established in March 2022 and this report represents our first Annual Report.

The activities, projects and services identified in our accounts are as follows:

- I. A Pier Bangor 125 years exhibition held at Storiol Museum, Bangor, to celebrate 125 years of pier life. This was arranged in conjunction with the owner of the pier, Bangor City Council, and supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund obtained by Bangor City Council.

This exhibition played a significant role in achieving our aim of educating the public in understanding the history and heritage of our pier.

It also played a significant role in public engagement as many of the artefacts displayed were gathered from the local community.

- II. Establishment of a volunteer run gift shop in one of the pier's kiosks, with the support of Bangor City Council, with the aim of producing profits to be used to contribute towards the physical restoration of the pier.
Specific restorative projects include the rebuilding of the viewing kiosks at the pierhead, including one in memory of the HMS Conway.

This gift shop plays a significant part in the improvement of Bangor Garth Pier as it has developed a reputation for the sale of quality goods, created by local artists, and a place where they can display and sell their wares.

- III. Establishment of a welcoming presence at the pier's entrance kiosk, run in entirety by volunteers.

3. Public benefit

The actions carried out by our charity are decided upon and agreed in order to ensure that they fulfil our purposes, including the provision of identifiable benefits to the general public who visit the pier. This includes a welcoming presence at the entrance kiosk to the pier and the opportunity to visit our gift shop, both of which are manned by our body of volunteers.

By enabling members of the local community to become volunteers of the charity, and undertake duties on the pier, we are fulfilling a very important benefit to individuals to both contribute to their local community and to join a community of volunteers giving them a sense of purpose and contributing to their well-being.

4. Contribution made by volunteers

Volunteers make a very significant contribution to our ability to undertake all our activities. Our volunteer coordinator coordinates the activities of two groups of volunteers (60 in total) who are responsible for operating both the gift shop and the entrance kiosk.

The presence of our volunteers at the entrance kiosk, on a daily basis, has resulted in a very significant increase in income from entrance fees, which contribute towards the annual costs of routine pier maintenance and upkeep.

Many social events are held annually on the pier, and our volunteers play an important role in these events.

Having the ability to participate in pier life as a volunteer is a significant part of the public benefit to the local community enabled by our charity.

Achievements and Performance

1. Main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

The main achievement of our charity during this period was the award of Pier of the Year 2022 by the National Piers Society. This prestigious award was made on the basis of the tremendous work undertaken to make the pier the beautiful, prosperous, welcoming pier that it is today.

It is a testament to our trustees, our wider members, and our dedicated volunteers that our pier is considered worthy of such a distinction.

Our visitors come from all four corners of the world, and they come in all weathers, and, and they leave with a feel-good feeling, and a promise to be back! We are delighted to welcome them to our little corner of North Wales.

A second significant achievement was the recruitment of world-renowned singer Aled Jones as our Patron. Aled was born and bred in nearby Anglesey, and we are delighted by his patronage.

2. Achievements against objectives set

One of our main objectives was to establish the pier as a destination for both the local community and tourists and to increase the overall number of visitors to the pier, with a year-long calendar of events, including:

- 126th Pier Party celebrations with fireworks.
- Jubilee Weekend celebrations.
- Pancake Day event for local school children.
- Easter weekend event.
- August Bank Holiday Music events.
- Hallowe'en event.
- Lighting up the pier for the Christmas period.
- Christmas concert.
- Christmas Santa's grotto

Another objective was to communicate with our membership by the production of a regular newsletter, currently distributed via e-mail. This is produced quarterly and is seen as a significant mechanism for the dissemination of information to our members.

Financial Review

1. Review of the financial position of FBGP on 31/3/23

The financial position is represented in the audited Balance Sheet on the following page.

There are currently no uncertainties about the FBGP continuing as a going concern.

2. Reserves Policy

FBGP will hold a reserve of £5000 as agreed by the Trustees to cover commission paid to suppliers or other expenses for the FBGP Kiosk Shop.

3. Principal sources of fundraising for FBGP

I. Proceeds from our Kiosk Gift Shop

- II. Public donations
- III. Fundraising events

Balance Sheet
Friends of Bangor Garth Pier
 As at 31 March 2023

	£	£
Capital Assets		
Net Book Value	£0	
Current Assets	35,839	
Stock Adjustment	8,084	
Bank Account: Business Checking Account	27,577	
Bank Account: Cash Account	178	
less Current Liabilities		1,831
Other Debtors		1,654
Other Creditors		178
Net Current Assets	£34,007	
Total Assets	£34,007	
Owner's Equity:		
Retained Profit		34,007
Total Owner's Equity		£34,007

Structure, Governance and Management

1. Governing document and constitution

Friends of Bangor Garth Pier's governing document is a Constitution and is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation CIO (Foundation).

2. Organisational structure and selection of new Trustees

We have no constitutional provisions. The Trustees are selected from the local community and are elected for a term of 3 years, renewable for a maximum of 3 terms. Vacancies for new trustees are identified by the Board taking into consideration the balance of skills required. Candidates are invited to attend a Board meeting to discuss the role.

As set down in our constitution, we have a maximum number of 12 trustees, some of whom also hold specific roles within the charity. The Board is led by the Chair with other officers including a Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-Chair. Officers are appointed by the Trustees. All trustees undertake their roles for Friends of Bangor Garth Pier in a voluntary capacity.

3. Relationship with related parties

We have a Memorandum of Understanding with Bangor City Council, who are the owners of Bangor Garth Pier.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Friends of Bangor Garth Pier

Other name the charity uses: Ffrindiau Pier Garth Bangor (Welsh language name)

Registered charity number: 1198201

Charity's principal address:

40 Ffriddoedd Road
Bangor
Gwynedd
LL57 2TW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year
Avril Margaret Owen Wayte	Chair	
Donald Malcolm Wayte		
Vanessa Hawkins	Press Engagement Officer	
Sian Marland	Treasurer	
Nigel Marland		From June 2022

Fiona Jones	Shop merchandising	
Enid Parry	Fundraising	From June 2022
Les Day		
Martin Brown	Minutes secretary	
Carolyn Owen	Secretary	
Wynne Roberts	Vice Chair	
Noelle Devereux		Until January 2022
Lucy Rothwell	Fundraising	From February 2023

Please note There are no corporate trustees or trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity. The charity does not have any employees.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full name: Avril Margaret Owen Wayte

Position: Chair

Date: 14/11/23.