

## **Friends of Bangor Garth Pier**

**Charity registration number: 1198201**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

This annual report covers the period from 1/4/23 to 31/3/24

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**For the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

**Chair's Introduction**

As Chair of Friends of Bangor Garth Pier, I am delighted to introduce our second Trustees Annual Report. As reported below, our charity continues to go from strength to strength. Over the last 12 months, we are delighted to have welcomed well over 100,000 visitors to our beautiful pier, from all four corners of the world, and of course from our local community, where our pier remains a cornerstone of our beloved city. Our efforts this year have enabled us to raise the funds to rebuild a lookout kiosk, which will be named the 'Friends of Bangor Garth Pier Lookout Kiosk' and will bring great enjoyment to the pier community and is an achievement of which we are very proud.

**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 second Annual Report.

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

- I. Running a gift shop in one of the pier's kiosks, staffed entirely by our volunteers with the aim of producing profits to be used to contribute towards the physical restoration of the pier.
- II. Providing the welcoming presence at the pier's entrance kiosk, run in entirely by volunteers.
- III. Organising and holding events e.g. Pier 127<sup>th</sup> Birthday Festival, Lighting up of the pier for Christmas & Christmas Concert, Christmas Santa's Grotto.
- IV. Other Fundraising activities including Sponsor a light for Christmas and applying for grants and sponsorship from local businesses or organisations to support specific events or activities.
- V. Donations

Any profits that we make help to fund specific projects on the pier to protect, preserve, restore or improve its facilities or to advance the education of the public in understanding the history, heritage and location of Bangor Garth Pier.

### 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.

The volunteers also play an important role in enabling us to run our programme of events on the pier.

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 achievements of the charity for the year are:

- The increase in visitor numbers and revenue. Visitor numbers from 1/4/23 to 31/3/24 have increased to 117 000 and revenue from the entrance fee is passed directly to Bangor City Council who own the pier.
- A very successful event programme which has helped to increase our visitor numbers and to raise the profile of the pier (see section 2 for more details).

2. Achievements against objectives set

One of our main objectives is to continue to make the pier as an attractive destination for both the local community and tourists and to increase the overall number of visitors to the pier, with a year-round calendar of events, including:



- 127<sup>th</sup> Pier Anniversary Festival celebrations (May)
- Concrete Barges of the Menai Straits talk by Richard Lewis (May)
- Summer Concert – Elvis on the Pier (August)
- Hallowe'en event (October)
- Lighting up the pier for the Christmas period, Christmas concert and fireworks (November)
- Sponsor a Light for Christmas (November/December)
- Christmas Santa's grotto (December)

Allowing other local groups to use the pier for events also helped to raise awareness of the pier, benefit the local community and attract more visitors. These have included:

- Bangor Half Marathon
- Awyr Las (NHS Charity) sponsored swim from the pier
- Sponsored walks on the pier (various local charities)
- Students from Ocean Sciences Dept at Bangor University annual crabbing event for Freshers Week
- Hosting BCC guests on the pier as part of their Twinning Event with Soest

Attending local events for profile raising for FBGP and the pier have included:

- Bangor University Freshers fair
- Mynydd Christmas Fair

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

A new website was commissioned with a fresh and modern design to improve the information that is available to visitors to the pier; to encourage more people to volunteer with FBGP; to encourage more participation in events on the pier and to communicate the work of FBGP.

In conjunction with the new website, we have subscribed to a new email system (Mailchimp) to assist with communication with our membership and those who have signed up to receive the quarterly newsletter.

Monthly meetings with Bangor City Council have been re-established to strengthen the good working relationship between them as owners of the pier and FBGP.

## **Financial Review**

### **1. Review of the financial position of FBGP on 31/3/24**

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
- IV. Sponsorship or grants from local businesses or organisations.

### **Balance Sheet** **Friends of Bangor Garth Pier** As at 31 March 2024

	£	£
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Net Book Value	£0	
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>56,341</b>	
Stock Adjustment	10,687	
Bank Account: Business Checking Account	45,474	
Bank Account: Cash Account	180	
<b>less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>180</b>
Other Creditors		180
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>£56,161</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£56,161</b>	
<b>Owner's Equity:</b>		
Retained Profit		56,161
<b>Total Owner's Equity</b>		<b>£56,161</b>

## 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		



Fiona Jones	Shop merchandising	Until May 2023
Enid Parry	Fundraising	
Les Day		Until November 2023
Martin Brown	Minutes secretary	Until June 2023
Carolyn Owen	Secretary	
Wynne Roberts	Vice Chair	
Lucy Rothwell	Fundraising	
Chris Conway		From June 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:** 12/11/24.

**Profit & Loss**  
**Friends of Bangor Garth Pier**  
Accounting Year 2023/24

	Debit	Credit
<b>Turnover</b>		<b>75,180</b>
Sales		43,076
Donations (Charitable)		5,345
BCC funds		19,941
Fundraising		430
Xmas on the pier		3,552
Event 2023\2024		2,835
<b>less Cost of Sales</b>	<b>43,761</b>	
Cost of Sales	70	
Commission Paid	10,786	
Stock purchase	11,706	
Event 23\24	1,258	
Gate takings to Bangor CC	19,941	
<b>less Tax-Disallowable Cost of Sales</b>	<b>4,533</b>	
Christmas on the Pier	4,533	
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>26,886</b>
<b>less Administration Expenses</b>	<b>4,732</b>	
Gifts	10	
Shop Costs	830	
Web Hosting	166	
Computer Software	21	
Office Equipment	50	
Stationery	427	
Miscellaneous	30	
Advertising and Promotion	530	
Legal and Professional Fees	35	
Accountancy Fees	500	
Consultancy Fees	1,754	



Postage	20
Insurance	359
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>£22,154</b>
<i>less Drawings</i>	<b>£0</b>
<i>less Profit &amp; Loss journal entries</i>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Retained Profit this period:</b>	<b>£22,154</b>
<b>Retained Profit brought forward:</b>	<b>£34,007</b>
<b>Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:</b>	<b>£56,161</b>

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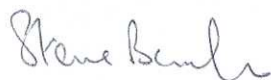
Signed by the Chairperson

Date 5 September 2024



## **Independent Examiner's Report**

The accounts incorporating the attached profit and loss account and balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2024 above have been prepared from the records and information provided and are certified to be in accordance therewith.



Signed

Independent Examiner

S D B BANWELL FFA F.Inst LAM

Date: 5 September 2024



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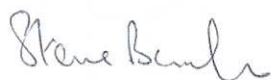
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