

Friends of Bangor Garth Pier

Charity registration number: 1198201

Trustees' Annual Report

This annual report covers the period from 1/4/24 to 31/3/25

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For the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Chair's Introduction

As Chair of Friends of Bangor Garth Pier, I am delighted to introduce our third Trustees Annual Report. As reported below, our charity continues to go from strength to strength. Our visitor numbers continue to increase as we welcomed well over 125,000 visitors from all corners of the globe, as well as our loyal local residents who really love their pier which remains a cornerstone of our community. Our efforts this year have enabled us to raise the funds to undertake repairs to the pier's wooden kiosks, enabling their continued use as attractive and popular businesses serving the public. We are also proud to have held a number of events during the year including celebrating the pier's birthday and also St David's Day and Fireworks Night.

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 fourth 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 128th Birthday Festival, St David's Day event, 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 1/4/24 to 31/3/25 have increased to 125, 228 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).
- Improvements to the pier including the funding the construction of the second look-out kiosk at the pierhead and repair works to the other kiosks along the length of the pier.

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:

- St David's day Event (March)
- 128th Pier Anniversary Festival celebrations (May)
- Hallowe'en event (October)
- November 5th Fireworks on the Pier (November)
- Lighting up the pier for the Christmas period, Christmas concert and fireworks (November)
- Light Festival including Sponsor a Light for Christmas (October/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

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.

We continue to use our online presence including the website and social media to raise the profile of the pier locally, nationally and internationally.

Monthly meetings with Bangor City Council have been continuing and help 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 31/3/25

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

Balance Sheet
Friends of Bangor Garth Pier
As at 31 Mar 25

	£	£
Capital Assets		
Net Book Value	0	
Current Assets	87,834	
Stock Adjustment	18,302	
Bank Account: Business Checking Account	69,352	
Bank Account: Cash Account	180	
less Current Liabilities		180
Other Creditors		180
Net Current Assets	£87,654	
Total Assets	£87,654	
Owner's Equity		
Retained Profit		87,654
Total Owner's Equity		£87,654

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.

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 Wayte		Until January 2025
Vanessa Hawkins	Vice Chair (from March 2025)	
Sian Marland	Treasurer	
Nigel Marland		
Enid Parry	Fundraising	
Carolyn Owen	Secretary	
Wynne Roberts		Until March 2025
Lucy Rothwell	Fundraising	
Chris Conway	Shop Coordinator	
Sonya Edwards		From January 2025
John Chamberlain		From January 2025
Meryl Edwards	Shop Coordinator	From March 2025

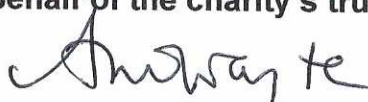
Please note There are no corporate trustees or trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity. The charity does not have any employees.

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:

18/11/25

Profit & Loss
Friends of Bangor Garth Pier
Accounting Year 2024/25*

	Debit	Credit
Turnover		111,386
Sales		86,620
Donations (Charitable)		5,060
Fundraising		184
Xmas on the pier		1,602
Event 2023\2024		4,150
Festival		7,094
Fireworks night		3,193
Raffle		3,483
less Cost of Sales	65,900	
Commission Paid	13,796	
Stock purchase	16,231	
Event 23\24	3,186	
Events	150	
Fireworks night expenses	2,040	
raffle expenses	102	
Repairs and Maintenance	30,395	
less Tax-Disallowable Cost of Sales	2,082	
Christmas on the Pier	2,082	
Gross Profit		43,404
less Administration Expenses	11,911	
Gifts	157	
Festival Expenses	3,363	
Shop Costs	1,393	
Web Hosting	14	
Computer Software	294	
Office Equipment	728	
Other Computer Costs	642	
Internet & Telephone	26	
Stationery	50	
Miscellaneous	1,292	

	Meals	400	
	Advertising and Promotion	1,885	
	Staff Entertaining	317	
	Legal and Professional Fees	440	
	Accountancy Fees	300	
	Consultancy Fees	210	
	Postage	27	
	Subscriptions	10	
	Insurance	363	
Operating Profit			£31,493
<i>less Drawings</i>			£0
<i>less Profit & Loss journal entries</i>			£0
Retained Profit this period:			£31,493
Retained Profit brought forward:			£56,161
Distributable Reserves / Retained Profit carried forward:			£87,654

* Accounting information incomplete.

Certificate on behalf of the Management Committee

I, on behalf of the Trustees, certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accounting records produced, together with the information and explanations given to me constitute a true and correct record of all transactions of "Friends of Bangor Garth Pier" for the year ended 31 March 2025 and I confirm that these accounts have my approval.

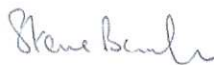


Signed by the Chairperson

Date 25 July 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

The accounts incorporating the attached profit and loss account and balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2025 above have been prepared from the records and information provided and are certified to be in accordance therewith.



Signed

Independent Examiner

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Date: 16 July 2025