

Report to trustees for Financial Year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Aim and purposes

The charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) Ty Ogof has been set up in order to support those affected by substance and alcohol addiction, through the provision of Christian-inspired supported housing, incorporating a Twelve Step Recovery Programme, operating in the Swansea area.

Objectives and activities

Working alongside current service provision we seek to identify those individuals suitable for in-house 12-step addictions treatment. We will support the residents to attend local Alcoholics Anonymous / Cocaine Anonymous / Narcotics Anonymous meetings several times a week. Residents will be supported to live an addiction-free life in a "dry" house. Residents will also be provided with help regarding budgeting skills and life skills and the opportunities to volunteer locally or pursue further education.

Achievements and performance

2024 was a year of consolidation as well as exciting progress as we became landlords of our first recovery house, bought by our partners Green Pastures to lease to Ty Ogof.

We decided not to pursue our partnership with Brunswick Christian Fellowship due to serious concerns about planning permission and ownership of the property which was intended for use by Ty Ogof. We have entered into a new partnership with Kings Church, (details below) which is now the base for Ty Ogof.

In February Green Pastures (GP) allocated £175,000 for the purchase of a property for Ty Ogof's use. This was purchased by GP in July and leased to Ty Ogof in September. The house needed significant repair and renovation work which was ongoing for the rest of the year (and beyond) meaning that we could not take in any residents in 2024.

The trustees agreed to employ 2 part-time members of staff in the roles of admin and housing manager (9 hours per week from August) and project manager (10 hours per week from October). We agreed to outsource payroll functions to EasyBooks, and DBS checks for staff, volunteers and trustees to ThirtyOne:Eight with one trustee appointed as safeguarding trustee.

The staff and trustees spent considerable time developing a sound working knowledge of rules and procedures from our partnership with Green Pastures, as well as working with City and Council of Swansea regarding regulations for a landlord of a house of multiple occupancy and procedures for claiming housing benefit for the residents. We became a member of Swansea Council for Voluntary Service.

We registered Ty Ogof with Rent Smart Wales and the two employees plus two trustees have undertaken the mandatory Landlord's training.

Relevant policies and procedures continued to be drafted and signed off by trustees.

Discussions took place with several individuals to assess their suitability to become residents once the property was habitable.

During the latter part of the year, local contractors were found to undertake the considerable work needed on the property and agreement reached with Green Pastures about what work they would pay for and when we would start paying them for our use of the property.

We had discussions with Keys Project (thekeysproject.org) about becoming the Swansea hub for their work which supports clients to stabilise and safely reduce their drug or alcohol use, using robust protocols, in liaison with the individual's own GP and/or drug & alcohol service. This is part of our forward planning to enhance our delivery options.

Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. In particular we are aware of the cost to the public purse from alcohol and drug misuse and the need for an integrated approach to recovery from addiction. ONS figures released in December 2023 show that more than twice as many people die because of drugs in Swansea than in the rest of Wales. Reports recommend a treatment system that supports harm reduction and leads to recovery, addressing mental well-being and housing at the same time and in the same place as drug treatment. An abstinence-based approach to recovery is at the heart of Ty Ogof's vision which this year has moved closer to being a reality with the purchase by Green Pastures of a property for use by Ty Ogof and identification of potential residents.

Financial review

Our total **income** from 1 January to 31 December was £57,920. The largest single source of income was the transfer of donations which had been made previously to the Swansea and Gower Methodist circuit and which were being held on behalf of Ty Ogof: a total of £52,449. Other donations were from individuals either as regular payments or on a one-off basis. Green Pastures repaid us £4,052 for work undertaken on the house on their behalf. There was some bank interest following the decision to transfer funds into a savings account.

We had no endowment income or loans in this reporting period. We had no central government or local authority grants in this reporting period.

Our total **expenditure** was £25,408. The largest costs came from the refurbishment of the house (£15,633) much of which will be recoverable from Green Pastures. The second largest item was staff costs (salary & NI)). Other expenditure was for training and travel expenses, office equipment, insurance, professional services (ThirtyOne:Eight and architect), for house utilities (gas, electric, water) and a condolence gift. We were granted 6 months exemption from Council Tax due to the refurbishment.

We made no grants in this reporting period. We made no payments to trustees. We operated only in the Swansea area in Wales.

We do not own any properties or other fixed assets.

We employed 2 part time workers for part of this reporting period as reported above.

We had 1 volunteer who subsequently became an employee.

We agreed to open a savings account and transferred an initial £100,000 to generate bank interest and agreed to investigate high interest / instant access accounts for the future.

We do not yet have a reserves policy in place until such time as we have a full year of operations on which to base a reserves level.

We had no main assets or liabilities at the end of the year.

Structure, governance and management

Ty Ogof is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with a board of trustees. Its governing document is its CIO foundation constitution, dated 5th August 2022.

The initial trustees came together with a shared vision for the charity in 2021 and collectively agreed to apply for charitable status, granted August 2022. Additional trustees are known associates of the initial trustees with appropriate knowledge and expertise who have been invited to attend meetings to introduce themselves before a vote has been taken by existing trustees. One new trustee was appointed in July 2024. In October one existing trustee needed to stand down due to family commitments.

The following policies and procedures were in place at the end of the financial period for this annual return:

- Safeguarding Policy & Procedures
- Lone Worker Controls
- Confidentiality Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Volunteer Recruitment & Selection Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- GDPR Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Financial Controls
- Ethical Fundraising

The following policies were drafted in 2024 but not signed off until 2025

- Trustee Board Operating Policy
- Volunteer Handbook
- Internet & Telephone Use Policy

Administrative details:

Ty Ogof is situated and operates in Swansea, Wales. The correspondence address is

Kings Church, Heol Y Gors, Townhill, Swansea, SA1 6RY.

Email: admin@tyogof.org

Telephone: 07399124020

The trustees during the year were:

Julian Hopkins (chair)
Cerys Davies (Secretary)
Winifred Hawkins (Treasurer)
Dean Heath
Martin Keston Jones
John Quentin Hawkins
Jennifer Noble (appointed July)
Sue Billington (resigned October)

Safeguarding

We have not provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return, but will do in the future to vulnerable adults. Safeguarding procedures are in place and trustees, employees and volunteers hold appropriate DBS certificates.

There have been no serious incidents during this reporting period.

This report was approved by the trustees on 13 October and signed on their behalf by
Cerys Davies



Date: 15.10.2025

Receipts and Payments Account 1st January to 31st December 2024

	£	£	£	2023	£
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations:	53,745		(50,475)		
Gift Aid	0		(12,915)		
Bank interest	123				
Green Pastures	4,052		(0)		
 Total		57,920			(63,390)
 <u>Payments</u>					
House expenditure	15,555		(0)		
Insurance	1,090		(0)		
Office equipment	1,311		(0)		
Professional services	999		(0)		
Staff costs	5,472		(175)		
Training	203				
Travel	86				
Vehicle hire	98				
House utilities	542		(0)		
Miscellaneous	52		(0)		
 Total		25,408			(175)
 Excess of Receipts over Payments		32,512			(63,215)

Statement of Reserves for 12 months to 31st December 2024

2022/23
(15 months)

	£	£
Current Assets		
Bank balances		
Barclays Current Account	9,104	(63,715)
Barclays Savings Account	87,123	(0)
Cash Balance	0	(0)
	96,227	(63,715)

Represented by:

Accumulated Funds

Balance at 1 st January 2024	63,715	(500)
Plus excess for Year	32,512	(63,215)
Balance at 31 st December 2024	96,227	(63,715)

Accounts prepared by Win Hawkins, (Treasurer)

October 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
TY OGOF

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1199985

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 31/03/2024.

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:

Date:

21/10/25

Name:

Vivienne Roberts

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

ACCA

Address:

26 Coed Bach

Pontarddulais

Swansea SA4 8RB

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.

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the examiner to provide details of items to be disclosed. The box is currently blank.