



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 13th December 2022 To 31st October 2023

Charity name: BETHANIA

Charity registration number: 1201328

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The object of the charity called Bethania is the advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	At 31st October 2023 the charity is still at the stage where renovation work is continuing on the building and therefore none of the planned activities have yet taken place. However we have sought to raise awareness and introduce ourselves to the local community through the distribution of Christian tracts to all the residents in the Aberfan area along with an invitation to attend a Carol service at the local Aberfan Community centre just before Christmas 2022. Whilst renovation is taking place there is a regular presence of people associated with the charity visiting the building, and these have reported many impromptu informal conversations that they have had with local people who are interested in finding out more about what is going to happen at Bethania when it opens its doors. To date the main renovation work carried out at the building includes the following:- • replacement of the main part of the roof • Installation of solar panels • Fabrication of windows
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	In considering the exact future activities of the charity we will keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers.	This is not applicable until the activities start.
Other	

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the 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 achievements of the charity will not be realised until all the renovation work is completed and the building is fit for the purpose of meeting its objects. Initially it was hoped that renovation work would be complete by Christmas 2023 but due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. discovering a live Honeybee nest in part of the building) and undertaking necessary surveys etc. (e.g. for bats) work was delayed. More recently the weather has also had an impact in determining the pace of work. We are however hopeful that all work will be complete by Easter 2024. In the meantime local people are giving very positive feedback stating that it is good to see this building, (which holds many memories for the people of Aberfan), being changed from what had become a bit of an eye sore to a facility that will provide a place of worship along with much needed facilities for the local community, particularly young people.
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Additional information (optional):

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Sufficient grant money for all the renovation work was secured before work began.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Financial support to cover all other liabilities have come from personal donations.
Investment performance against objectives	
Other:	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Bethania's financial position on the 31st October 2023 shows that there was £105,735 of restricted funds and £1,957 of unrestricted funds in the bank which is sufficient to continue with the planned renovation work to the building, and meet the charity's other costs respectively. There is a further £100,000 of secured grant money which will be available to be claimed in December 2023 which will be used to complete the work.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	We are aware of the the Charity Commission's document on Charity Reserves (CC19) and will be led by this guidance when the charity begins its activities to meet the objects.
Amount of reserves held	See note above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves:	See note above

Details of fund materially in deficit:	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None expected.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Bethania's principal source of funding for the renovation work has been through securing grants. Sources of these grants are as follows:-- Welsh Government, The Benefact Trust, James Pantyfedwen, Ffos-y-Fran, Beatrice Laing Trust and Bruce Wake. There is also a grant of £50,000 promised by The Welsh Church Act which we will be able to access once the whole roof is replaced and all the windows are installed. Meeting the day to day running costs of the charity has mainly been through personal donations and a little fundraising. When fully established Bethania's main source of funding will be through personal offerings and donations of the church members.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The biggest risk would be if the amount of personal offerings and donations will not be sufficient to cover the charity's running costs.
Other:	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution adopted on 2 nd August 2022
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees will be elected in line with the adopted constitution. Currently there are only four trustees (who are the first charity trustees) and each has been appointed for a set term of office calculated from the date of registration of the CIO at the Charity Commission....

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction	Para 1.51	The main policy and procedure currently adopted in preparation for meeting Bethania's main objects is
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and training of trustees.		our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures: Three out of the four trustees currently undertake roles where a DBS is required...
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works:	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties.	Para 1.51.	
Other:		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	BETHANIA
Other name the charity uses:	Capel Bethania
Registered charity number	1201328
Charity's principal address	Capel Bethania Aberfan Road Aberfan Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4QN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Reverend Robert Stivey		
2	Bethan Tricker	Secretary/Chair	
3	Daniel Stivey		
4	Ann Acock	Treasurer	
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity:

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Reverend Robert Stivey		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody, and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional):**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information):**

Type of adviser	Name

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details:

None

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Ann G. Acock

Full name(s)

Ann Gwenllïan Acock

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

Friday 25th May 2024



Charity Name: BETHANIA			Charity No. 1201328	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period	13/12/22	To	31/10/23	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Individual Giving	5023	-	-	5023	N/A
Grants (See note 1)	-	145000	-	145000	N/A
Other receipts	71	-	-	71	N/A
Sub total	5094	145000	-	150094	N/A

A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total receipts	5094	145000	-	150094	N/A

A3 Payments					
Insurance	2821	-	-	2821	N/A
Surveys/Reports	70	-	-	70	N/A
Solar Panels	-	29813	-	29813	N/A
Windows	-	9451	-	9451	N/A
Utilities	95	-	-	95	N/A
Sub total	3137	39264	-	42401	N/A

A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total payments	3137	39264	-	42401	N/A

Net of receipts/(payments)	1957	105736		107693	N/A
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	N/A
A6 Cash funds last year end	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cash funds this year end	1957	105736	-	107693	N/A

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Current Account at Bank	1957	105736	N/A
		-	-	N/A
	Total cash funds	1957	105736	N/A
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	N/A
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Invoices for remaining renovation work	Restricted	-	-
	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<i>Ann L Acok</i>	Ann Acok	25/05/24	
	<i>B. J. Tricker</i>	Bethan Tricker	25/05/24	

CHARITY: BETHANIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 13th DECEMBER 2022 TO 31st OCTOBER 2023

The following notes form part of the financial statement

Note 1

Welsh Government Grant (£100,000) – To be used for any aspect of the renovation work.

The Benefact Trust (£30,000) – To be used for Solar Panels

James Pantyfedwen Grant (£5,000) – To be used for any aspect of the renovation work.

Ffos-y-Fran Grant (£4,000) – To be used towards the roof

Beatrice Laing Trust Grant (£4,000) - Can be used for any aspect of the renovation work

Bruce Wake Grant (£2,000) – To be used towards making a disability access.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
BETHANIA

On accounts for the year
ended

13th December 2022 to 31st October 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1201328

Set out on pages

Pages 1 to 3

(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 31/10/2023.

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:

M.G. Howells

Date:

19-05-2024

Name:

Martin Howells

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Address:

36, Chapel Road,

Abercanaid,

Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1SX

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.

None found