

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025
OF THE BRO CYDWELI MINISTRY AREA CIO
(Charity No 1212617)

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Our accounts were examined and prepared by HB Enoch and Owens, Chartered Accountants, Carmarthen. The results for the 9 months of 2025 since our registration as a charity are attached as a separate document.

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Independent Examiner's Report For the year to 31st December 2025

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act. have not been met; or
- to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: *02/09/2026*

