

**Llyswen Public Hall
operating under the name of
Llyswen & Boughrood Community Hall**

Charity No: 214393

**Trustees' Annual Report
& Statement of Financial Activity
for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

Trustees

Carol Brown
Mary Little
Julie Martin
Monica Williams

June 2025

Contents

1.	Introduction.....	3
1.1	Charitable Objects.....	3
1.2	Overview (Executive Summary).....	3
2.	Activities & Achievements.....	3
2.1	Outputs & Outcomes.....	3
2.2	The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers.....	4
2.3	How the Public Have Benefitted.....	4
2.4	Looking Ahead.....	4
3.	Financial Review.....	4
3.1	Financial Position.....	4
3.2	Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit.....	4
3.3	Policy on Reserves.....	4
3.4	Going Concern.....	5
3.5	Principal Sources of Funding.....	5
3.6	Description of the Principal Risks Facing the Charity.....	5
3.7	Remuneration of Trustees.....	5
4.	Reference and Administration Details.....	6
4.1	Charity Name & Registration.....	6
4.2	Charity's Principal Address.....	6
4.3	Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity.....	6
4.4	Independent Examiner.....	6
5.	Structure, Governance & Management.....	6
5.1	Type of Governing Document.....	6
5.2	Statutory Declaration.....	6
5.3	Trustee Selection Methods.....	6
5.4	Trustee Development.....	6

1. Introduction

1.1 Charitable Objects

The Objects of the charity shall be to provide and promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the villages of Llyswen and Boughrood, and the area within the radius of five miles of the Hall, *the area of benefit*, a facility to be used as a non – sectarian, non - political place of recreation, education and social well-being.

1.2 Overview (Executive Summary)

During the last 12 months the hall has continued to go from strength to strength, building upon the previous year's success, in refurbishing the hall exterior and cladding.

The hall, although relatively new in terms of village halls was starting to show signs of age and wear and tear. With the fire doors beginning to warp and becoming mouldy. The flooring was also beginning to lift in the toilet areas and the oak floor was stained, scratched and very tired.

There was also a large amount of equipment left in the hall which had been used by previous hall groups and this was clogging up kitchen cupboards and storage spaces.

The Trustees have gained funding for several maintenance projects this year

- Windows and Fire doors replaced
- Entryway flooring replaced
- Main hall oak flooring renovated
- Urinals repaired
- Installation of wifi
- Setup of a Community Office
- Hand Dryer replacement
- Installation of kitchen roll dispenser

These works are hoped to secure the future of the hall until a time when the next generation of Trustees will need to carry out further works.

Sadly The Trustees have faced a few difficulties this year – the biggest of which was that the electricity bills have been exceedingly high. The hall has been in a contract which meant the cost of electricity had been very low for a few years but that contract ended and we were then brought back to the reality of a world of expensive electricity with bills at times over £250 a month.

The hall costs approximately £6000 to run each year and it is a testament to the Trustees that funds continue to remain in a strong position unlike that of many local village halls.

2. Activities & Achievements

2.1 Outputs & Outcomes

Funding accessed by the Trustees allowed the hall to have new double glazed windows and doors installed which have added to the ambience, appearance and the overall energy efficiency of the building. Furthermore, we have had the flooring replaced in the entrance foyer, toilets and kitchen and the oak flooring in the main hall renovated, as well as the urinals in the gents being repaired. The Trustees have also been able to install wifi and create a community office in a store room with a laptop and printer, that was previously filled with old and broken toys from a previous playgroup.

In addition the hand dryers have been replaced in all toilets and blue roll dispenser installed in the kitchen.

The Trustees and volunteers have worked tirelessly to fundraise throughout the year, running monthly coffee morning which have raised £2900. As well as this they have also run a Chinese Auction, Christmas afternoon tea, plant sale and toy sale.

A Deep Clean was also completed this year and it was decided to make this an Annual Event.

When an issue with electricity costs was identified, various groups were approached to help and we are very grateful to Llyswen & Boughrood Show and Boughrood Church for making an additional contribution for their events towards electricity this year.

2.2 The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers

The Trustees have been able to access funding for several maintenance projects this year, gaining a grant of £20,359.60 from the Shared Prosperity Fund which was administered by PAVO. We also had some monies left from The Welsh Church Fund £1500 and secured grants from Bronllys £1000 and Glasbury Parish council £500 and the Welsh Government for Wifi.

The Trustees would like to thank Martin Johnson, Sullivan Flooring, Border Flooring, Brecon Fire & Electrical and Philip Martin for the high standard of works carried out.

The Trustees with assistance from a small number of volunteers, run all our own fundraising events on a voluntary basis, on most occasions providing all the cakes, biscuits and sausage rolls at their own expense. Whilst also giving a lot of their time to act as caretakers and cleaners of the hall.

2.3 How the Public Have Benefitted

The Coffee mornings and other events, whilst continuing to raise funds for the upkeep of the hall also contribute to a reduction in social isolation by welcoming members of the community into a warm, safe and sociable space. At the coffee morning, people can join a group table and freely move between tables to catch up with friends, neighbours and meet new people. At other events, again there are opportunities to socialise, sharing news and checking up on those not in attendance.

2.4 Looking Ahead

The hall is an exceptional and vital asset to all villages it serves and could be so much more if only more of the local population would get involved. We have excellent facilities, lighting, staging, chairs and tables and great kitchen facilities. The Trustees hope that the hall gets more support in the future and continues to provide a much needed social space for groups to meet, classes to be held, drinks to be drunk and cakes to be eaten. In rural communities it is vital for people to have somewhere to have social contact and be part of the community, the hall can and is the place that can provide that.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Financial Position

The Charity currently operates 2 bank accounts:

1. A Co-op Community account which has a balance of £18626.12 at 31.03.25 and
2. A Barclays Account which has a balance of £5.15 as at 31.03.2025.

The Barclays account is being closed and all transactions will use the Co-op Community account going forward.

3.2 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

3.3 Policy on Reserves

This policy sets reserves at a level which ensures that Llyswen and Boughrood Community Hall's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

The policy will restrict reserves of two years expenditure, currently about £6,000 per annum. This sum of money is set aside to cover the further loss of any large user groups and closure due to unforeseen circumstances, for example the COVID pandemic returning.

Furthermore, an amount of £6,000.00 will be restricted to cover projects for repairs and ensure the future of the hall is sustainable

3.4 Going Concern

The considerable rise and fluctuation of electricity prices over the last year, combined with a rise in users and a previous decision not to include electricity in the cost of hiring the hall, which was to benefit our users, this has put a strain on hall finances. The current electricity contract is due to end shortly and a new contract can then be negotiated which will hopefully stabilise electricity costs for the next few years although this is still a very volatile market.

Costs of maintenance relies on grants being accessed and operational costs are covered by our own fundraising. In the event of other issues, similar to the electricity one seen this year, other funding streams need to be identified to enable the hall to continue to be viable. It is clear that without the grants the Trustees have managed to secure the maintenance of the hall would be difficult to achieve. Once the Reserves have been taken into account, this does not leave a lot to continue to operate if any other major issues are identified.

It has been and continues to be a very small amount of village residents that maintain the momentum and dedication required to keep the hall going. This was evidenced by the lack of support received when the hall had its annual deep clean and only 2 people turned up to help with this task. Furthermore, despite continued advertising for new committee members, only one person has joined the committee in the past 12 months.

3.5 Principal Sources of Funding

The Charity offers for hire a Community Hall for recreation, education and social wellbeing to other local charities, local organisations, private individuals and businesses. In addition the Charity will seek funding from relevant organisations for improvements and ongoing operational expenses. From time to time, the Charity will organise its own events.

3.6 Description of the Principal Risks Facing the Charity

The principal risks facing the Charity at this time are:

1. May not be able to attract sufficient hirers to use the facility; mitigation is to advertise facilities available widely
2. May not be able to receive grants to cover improvements needed; mitigation is to research and apply for grants whenever possible
3. May not continue to receive grants from local Community Councils; mitigation is to lobby local Community Councillors to continue to support the Charity
4. May not attract sufficient interest in our own events to make a profit; mitigation is to advertise events widely
5. May not recruit enough new Trustees to manage the hall; mitigation is to advertise and existing members to canvas support

3.7 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

4. Reference and Administration Details

4.1 Charity Name & Registration

Name of the Charity: Llyswen Public Hall operating as Llyswen & Boughrood Community Hall

Charity No: 214393

Registered with HM Revenue & Customs **Yes/ No**

4.2 Charity's Principal Address

Llyswen & Boughrood Community Hall

Riverside

Llyswen

Brecon

Powys

LD3 0LJ

Email : LlyswenandBoughroodHall@gmail.com

4.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Resigned</i>	<i>Appointed by</i>
Julie Martin	Chair		17 June 2025	
Anne Sweeting	Treasurer			
Eric Doughty	Chair	17 June 2025		

4.4 Independent Examiner

Jill Sinclair, Leysters, Boughrood, Brecon, LD3 0YG

5. Structure, Governance & Management

5.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution / Governing Document

5.2 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

5.3 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least three charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 10.

In accordance with the Constitution, Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of one year by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

5.4 Trustee Development

First Aid training has taken place for a few Trustees but little other than this has been achieved in the past year.

Enquiries have been made for future training opportunities with PAVO (Powys Association of Volunteers Organisations) for the development of Trustees, especially those who have taken on new roles.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

31 October 2025

E Doughty

Eric Doughty (Trustee - Chair)

C E Brown

Carol Brown (Trustee – Booking Clerk)

Llyswen & Boughrood Community Hall
Annual Accounts for Financial Year Ending 31.03.2025 (DRAFT)

Co-op Community Account			
Opening Balances			
01/04/2024	Balance at Bank		1,823.62
	Total Income	44,778.11	
	Total expenditure	27,975.61	
	Excess of income over expenditure		16,802.50
31/03/2025	Closing Balance		18,626.12
Coop Saver Account - not in use			
Opening Balances			
	Balance at Bank		
	Interest		
	Interest		
	Interest		
	Interest		
	Total Interest		
	Closing Balance		

Barclays Account			
Opening Balances			
01/04/2024	Balance at Bank	14,613.16	
	Total Income	2,971.39	
	Total expenditure	17,579.40	
	Excess of income over expenditure	- 14,608.01	
31/03/2025	Closing Balance	5.15	
Barclays Business Saver Account			
Opening Balances			
01/04/2024	Balance at Bank	2,694.06	
	Interest	20.18	
	Interest	5.15	
	Interest		
	Interest		
	Total Interest	25.33	
	Less withdrawn	2,719.39	
31/03/2025	Closing Balance	-	

Transfers 2719.39
Inc 252.00
Transfers 13839.16
3740.34

20.18
5.15

Transfers 2719.39 To barclays current
agree

Summary				
	£	Transfers netted off	In year Non Recurrent grants £	Total netted off transfer/grants £
01/04/2024	Opening Balances			
	Balance at Bank	19,130.84	19,130.84	19,130.84
	Total Income	31,216.28	21,788.37	9,427.91
	Total expenditure	31,715.85	21,788.37	9,927.48
	Excess of income over expenditure	- 499.57	- 499.57	- 499.57
31/03/2025	Closing Balance	18,631.27	18,631.27	18,631.27

Prepared by:

A.E. Sweeting

Date 26-09-25

Independently Examined by

John (Anna, MAAT)

Date 8/10/25



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name LLyswen Public Hall operating as Llyswen & Boughrood Community Hall		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2025	Charity no (if any)	214393
Set out on pages	2 (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 31/03/2025.

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:

3/10/25

Name:

Jill Sinclair

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

ACMA, MAAT

Address:

Leysters, Boughrood, Brecon, Powys LD3 0YG

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

IER

1

2018

October

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.

