

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

(REGISTERED CHARITY NO:- 219551)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

ENDING 31st MARCH 2023

The Trustees present this report with the financial statements of the charity consolidated for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The Society serves the Blind and Visually Impaired & Partially Sighted persons throughout the County of Carmarthenshire in South West Wales, by providing annual gifts and considers requests for various aids and assistance.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Society, I have pleasure in presenting the 164th Annual Consolidated Report. May I place on record the Society's most sincere thanks, appreciation and best wishes to everyone for the work they have done over many years and continue to do so on behalf of our Visually Impaired members.

May I thank all our Branch Secretaries & Treasurers for their tremendous support.

May I also thank our Chairman, Mr Lyn James, for his substantial contribution to our Society.

Our most sincere thanks to our long standing County Treasurer, Mr Alan Jones, for his guidance and wisdom at all times and for his marvelous personal contribution in respect of his own duties for the Society over many years.

Sincere thanks to everyone on the Executive Committee for their continued support and also to the local Committees who do excellent work for the Blind Welfare within their respective Areas and also throughout the County.

Many thanks to you all.

Whilst it has been a very beneficial year for the Society financially with our collective assets increasing by in excess of 20%. This is largely due to the fact that the Society has received considerable legacy receipts and our thoughts go out to the families of the bereaved and to those who have chosen to donate in lieu of flowers.

Despite this however, many of our ten Branches report that they are finding it increasingly more challenging in attracting new volunteers and this has been somewhat accentuated by members retiring through ill-health and those who have unfortunately died.

Despite having reduced numbers, however, I am assured that our valuable work will continue.

All Branches continue to support our Visually Impaired members with their respective Christmas Gifts which are contributed throughout the year. It is evident that many of our Branches have increased the monetary amounts of these gifts and every effort will be made going forward, to consider further increases as appropriate.

This will indeed prove very important going forward, especially when we consider the present challenging financial restraints that we are experiencing.

It was also pleasing to note that many of our Branches continue to receive support by way of collection boxes in local shops, churches/chapels and rugby clubs.

Our Llanelli Centre still continues to be actively used and is a valuable source of support for our Visually Impaired members, although numbers have unfortunately decreased. This situation will be monitored.

In summary, therefore, it has been a very productive and enjoyable year once again and I have great pleasure in presenting this report to you.

RAY COOKE MBE. JP. – (General Secretary)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND
MEMBERS OF CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY
(REG. CHARITY NO:- 219551)**

I report on the Accounts of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society for the Year Ending 31st March 2023. Copies of these Accounts are set out on the following pages.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees/Members of the
Carmarthenshire Blind Society and the Examiner, in accordance with the
Instructions from the Charity Commission re:- The Charities Act.**

As Trustees/Members of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society, you are responsible for the preparation of Accounts and it is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's 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 Carmarthenshire Blind Society 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

I confirm to the Trustees and Members that the records of all Relative Documents, the Income & Expenditure Account, the Ledger and Balance Sheet, are all accepted. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any respect, the requirements are not fulfilled.

- All Accounting Records are kept as required by the Charity Commission Act.
- Accounts are prepared and met and comply to the Accounting requirements of the Act.

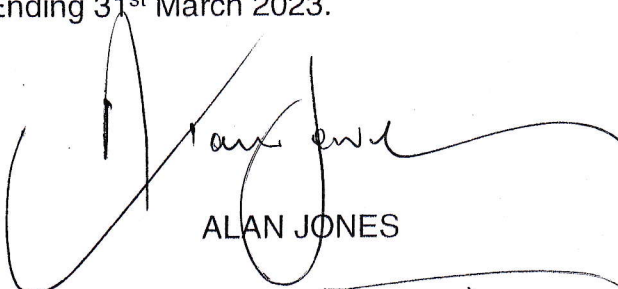
WENDY JONES BSc (Tech) Hons

Inspector/Auditor (10/9/2023)

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Accounting Records produced, constitute a true and correct record of all transactions of this Society for the Year Ending 31st March 2023.


ALAN JONES
(Treasurer)

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY - CONSOLIDATED LIST OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 2023

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
	£	£
COUNTY	44879	9324
CWMAMMAN	359	840
TYWI	240	270
LLANDOVERY	1019	460
MYNYDD MAWR	1209	2201
AMMAN VALLEY	900	1080
CARMARTHEN	3253	2010
LLANELLI	34722	11597
BRYNAMMAN	109	150
AMMANFORD	244	1190
TYBIE	92	160
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>87026</u>	<u>29282</u>

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

BANK INTEREST	£10.39
CHRISTMAS GIFT RETURNS	£40.00
CAREERS WALES RENT	£18,000.00
LEGACY	£26,828.94

TOTAL INCOME:- **£44,879.33**

EXPENDITURE

TRUSTEE INSURANCE	£373.34
INSURANCES - VAUGHAN ST. LLANELLI	£1,431.62
WATER RATES - VAUGHAN ST. LLANELLI	£76.64
ALARM MAINTENANCE	£465.00
FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE	£171.03
CHRISTMAS GIFTS - LLANELLI	£2,150.00
CHRISTMAS GIFTS - AMMAN VALLEY	£900.00
CHRISTMAS GIFTS - CARMARTHEN	£1,010.00
ANNUAL HONORARIUMS	£800.00
POSTAGE	£72.08
CHAIR LIFT	£1,875.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE:- **£9,324.71**

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **£35,554.62**

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

BALANCE SHEET

FUNDS

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT £410,905.00

ACCUMALATED ACCOUNT

AS AT 31/3/22

£61,491.95

PLUS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE

£35,554.62

£97,046.57 £97,046.57

£507,951.57

REPRESENTED BY:-

PROPERTY - VAUGHAN ST. LLANELLI

£410,905.00

INVESTMENTS

CASH IN BANK as at 31/3/2023

CURRENT ACCOUNT

£94,672.97

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

£2,373.60

£97,046.57 £97,046.57

£507,951.57

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CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY TYBIE GROUP – AMMAN VALLEY AREA

BALANCE SHEET 2022/23

RECEIPTS	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Opening balance in Current A/C	1905.78	Cheques issued for Xmas gifts	140.00
Donation from Amman Valley	90.00	Christmas gift from 2021	20.00
Opening balance in Deposit A/C	1292.78	Closing balance in Current A/C	1835.78
Interest on Deposit A/C	2.44	Closing balance in Deposit A/C	1295.22
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	3291.00		3291.00
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Cheques outstanding – 2 @ £20.00 = £40.00

Audited and found correct

Signed: *h. Blaener*

3.7.23.

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

CWMAMMAN BRANCH

Financial Statement for Year to 31st March 2023

Balance in deposit Account on April 1st 2021 £3,567.42

Receipts			£	Expenditure			£
<u>2022</u>				<u>2022</u>			
April 1	Bank Interest.		0.35	June 28	March Quarterly Donations to 12 registrations @ £10.		120.00
	Collection Boxes at commercial premises in the Amman Valley		89.20	June 28	June Quarterly Donations to 12 registrations @ £10.		120.00
				Sept. 9	September Quarterly Donations to 12 registrations @ £10.		120.00
Oct. 6	Donation from friend of the branch.		150.00		December Disbursement. Christmas gifts to 12 registrations @ £30		360.00
Dec.15	County Christmas Disbursement – Christmas gifts of £10 each to 12 registrations.		120.00				
<u>2023</u>				<u>2023</u>			
				Mar. 28	March Quarterly Donations to 12 registrations @ £10.		120.00
Mar. 31	<u>Income</u>		<u>359.55</u>	Mar. 31	<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>840.00</u>

Loss for year £840.00 - £395.55 = £480.45

Balance @ year end £3567.42 - £480.45 = £3086.97

Balance in Deposit Account on 31st March 2023 £3086.97

Audited and found correct.



6th April 2022

Carmarthenshire Blind Society

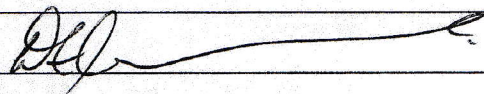
Tywi Branch

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th April
2023

Opening Balance 30-4-22 £1,813 - 67✓
Carmarthenshire Blind Soc. 90 - 00✓
Donation in Memory of
Mr. Glyn Griffiths, Grugybar 150 - 00✓
£2,053 67✓

Christmas Gifts £270 - 00
Closing Balance 30th April 2023 £1,783 67

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LLANDOVERY AND DISTRICT BLIND ASSOCIATION.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – YEAR ENDING 31 - 3 – 2023.

INCOME

Opening Balance.

Treasurers Account	£ 4,450.08
Shop Collections and House to House	£ 269.16
Chemist and Today Boxes	£ 95.32
Bank interest	£ NIL
Carms. Blind Soc.	£ 140.00
In Memory Glyn Griffiths	£ 300.00
Other Donations	£ 40.00
Out of Date Cheques not presented	<u>£ 175.00</u>
Total	£ 5,469.56

EXPENDITURE

Spring Gifts	£ 150.00
Christmas Gifts	£ 160.00
Carms .Blind Soc	£ 150.00

Closing Balance

Treasurers Account	£ 5,009.56
Total	<u>£ 5,469.56</u>

Examined from Statements books and receipts shown to me and found correct

Daniel Jones. (Retired Bank official)
02/05/2023

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY – MYNYDD MAWR BRANCH

REGISTRATION NO 219551

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT MARCH 31st 2022 - MARCH 22nd 2023

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance at Lloyds Bank 31.3.23	£5,136.90	Dinner at kings Head Capel Hendre 27.7.23	£390.00
<u>DONATIONS</u>			
In Memory of Mr Austin Jones	£205.00		
Clwb Cwis Cefneithin	£105.00		
Individual Donations	£160.00	Christmas Dinner at Coalhouse. 6.12.23	£395.00
<u>CHAPELS</u>			
Tabor, Cross Hands	£200.00		
<u>RAFFLES</u>			
Kings Head Capel Hendre 27.7.23	£73.00	Greeting and Christmas Cards	£16.75
Coalhouse Cross Hands 6.12.23	£65.00		
<u>COLLECTION BOXES</u>			
Gorslas Stores	£67.60	Christmas Gifts	£1,400.00
Tumble Stores	£50.30		
Eileen and David	£3.50		
			£2,201.75
Carmarthenshire Blind Society			
Christmas Gift contribution	£280.00		
		At Lloyds Bank 31.3.23	£4,144.55
	<u>£6,346.30</u>		<u>£6,346.30</u>
		Instant Savings Account 31.3.23	£7,039.29

Examined and found correct
Shirley Jones
18/4/23

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY AMMAN VALLEY AREA

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Balance brought forward	316.90	Christmas gifts to the blind	900.00
County Funds	900.00	Returned Christmas gifts 2021	40.00
		Llandovery Christmas gifts from County 2021	140.00
		Closing balance	136.90
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	1,216.90		1,216.90
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Audited and found correct

Signed: h. B. Owen
3.7.23.

CARMARTHEN BLIND SOCIETY

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	
<u>INCOME</u>	
INTEREST	£243.57
CHRISTMAS GIFTS (COUNTY)	£1,010.00
NS&I	£2,000.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME:-</u>	<u>£3,253.57</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
CHRISTMAS GIFTS	£2,010.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:-</u>	<u>£2,010.00</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£1,243.57

<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>	
NS&I BONDS	£17,500.00
BANK BALANCE C/F	£2,508.00
PLUS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>£1,243.57</u>
	£3,751.57
	<u>£21,251.57</u>
 REPRESENTED BY:-	
NS&I BONDS	£17,500.00
BANK BALANCE	£3,751.57
	<u>£21,251.57</u>

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT 10/9/2023

WENDY JONES

LLANELLI BLIND SOCIETY**BALANCE SHEET 2022 - 2023**

INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
BALANCE B/FWD £14,571.42				
St. ELLI LODGE FREEMASONS	£250.00		PISYS	£2,127.48
In Memorium BETTY GERRY DAVIES	£31,142.79		DYFED ALARMS	£786.00
In Memorium ALAN FRANCIS	£180.00		D&G	£222.02
In Memorium CAROL HUGHES	£1,000.00		SWALEC	£753.31
CARMARTHENSHIRE GIFTS	£2,150.00		BT	£1678.81
			TELEVISION LICENCE	£159.00
			PEAC UK LTD	£1484.88
			CARMARTHEN BLIND GIFTS (C)	£30.00
			CARMARTHEN POSTAGE STAMPS (C)	£70.35
			NET BOP	£54.00
			SUNDRIES	£4231.78
TOTAL INCOME 2022 – 2023	£49,294.21		TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2022 - 2023	£11,597.63

Represented	
Barclays Premium Account £121,112.56	Barclays Community Account £37,696.58
Barclays Saver Account £14,255.69	

Balance C/Fwd £173,064.83

TREASURER: Miss Isabelle Scott-James : Signature
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Date: 9th July 2023

AUDITOR: Mrs Anna Angelone-Jones : Signature
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Date: 15th July 2023

BRYNAMAN

BRYNAMAN BLIND SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022 - 2023

INCOME

Bank Balance at end of April 2022 111.86

Collecting boxes

Siop Brynaman	45.35	
Brynaman Chemist	10.40	
Bridgend Inn	<u>3.60</u>	59.35

Carmarthenshire Blind Soc - Christmas contribution 50.00

221.21

EXPENDITURE

Annual gifts: 5 x £30. 150.00

Bank Balance at end of April 2023 71.21

221.21

30 day notice a/c at end of April 2023: £4,008.54

Audited & Found Correct :- A. Peacock 2.6.2023.

Mrs Merrin Morgan Resigned

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY
AMMANFORD DISTRICT BRANCH

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Opening balance	17,242.96	Christmas gifts	1,140.00
Bank interest received	14.55	Birthday gift – Joshua Potter	50.00
County Funds	230.00	Closing balance	16,297.51
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	17,487.51		17,487.51
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Cheques not presented – 2 @ £60 = £120

Excess of EXPENDITURE over INCOME - £945.45

Audited and found correct

Signed: h. B. Owen

3-7-23.