

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

(REGISTERED CHARITY NO:- 219551)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

AND

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

ENDING 31st MARCH 2024

The Trustees present this report with the financial statements of the charity consolidated for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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.

Once again, I am pleased to report a very successful year for our Society in general. Whilst some of our smaller Branches have found it very challenging this year with the sudden bereavement of established volunteers and the inability to find ready replacements, the Society as a whole has demonstrated an income over expenditure of £27,535.

The main source of this income has been received from the rent of the ground floor at our Resource Centre in Llanelli, together with continued new legacy donations.

It is very pleasing to see that our Society is still able to demonstrate considerable financial strength and this is undoubtedly down to the unrivalled dedication and support of our volunteers as mentioned above.

All Branches continue to support our Visually Impaired members with their respective Christmas Gifts which are contributed throughout the year. As seen in 2023, it is evident that many of our Branches still continue to increase the monetary amounts of these gifts and once again, every effort will be made going forward, to consider further increases as appropriate.

As we are constantly told by our blind members, these annual gifts are very much appreciated and are a great source of help and comfort, especially when we consider the continuing financial challenges and restraints within the country.

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, albeit on a reduced basis, but is still a valuable source of support for our Visually Impaired members.

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 THE CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

(REG. CHARITY NO:- 219551)

I report on the Accounts of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society for the year ending 31st March 2024. 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.

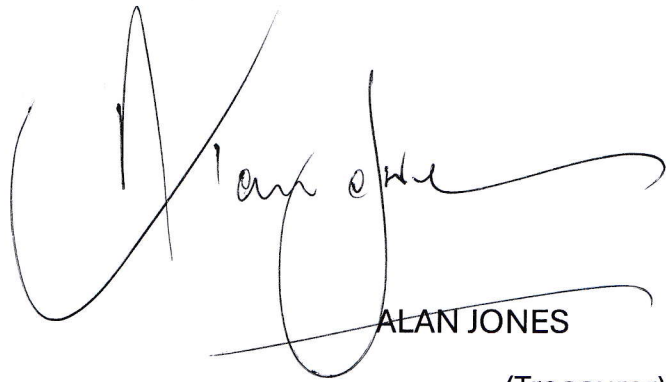
WENDY JONES Bsc (Tech) Hons

Inspector/Auditor (1/9/2024)

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT

I certify 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 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Jones', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'J'.

ALAN JONES

(Treasurer)

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY - CONSOLIDATED LIST OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
	£	£
COUNTY	41426	5378
CWMAMMAN	503	550
TYWI	191	240
LLANDOVERY	231	270
MYNYDD MAWR	1750	2797
AMMAN VALLEY	750	500
CARMARTHEN	1250	2272
LLANELLI	6506	11830
BRYNAMMAN	11	NIL
AMMANFORD	80	1130
TYBIE	14	210
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>52712</u>	<u>25177</u>

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

CAREERS WALES RENT	£18,000.00
LEGACIES	£23,394.29
BANK INTEREST	£31.90

<u>TOTAL INCOME:-</u>	<u>£41,426.19</u>
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EXPENDITURE

TRUSTEE INSURANCE	£373.34
INSURANCES - VAUGHAN ST. LLANELLI	£1,474.85
WATER RATES - VAUGHAN ST. LLANELLI	£80.08
ALARM MAINTENANCE	£444.00
CCTV SERVICE	£144.00
FIRE ALARM	£300.00
INTRUDER ALARM	£342.00
CHRISTMAS GIFTS - AMMAN VALLEY	£750.00
CHRISTMAS GIFTS - CARMARTHEN	£670.00
 ANNUAL HONORARIUMS	 £800.00

<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:-</u>	<u>£5,378.27</u>
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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£36,047.92
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CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

BALANCE SHEET

FUNDS

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT	£410,905.00
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ACCUMALATED ACCOUNT

AS AT 31/3/23	£97,046.57
PLUS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>£36,047.92</u>
	£133,094.49 £133,094.49
	<u>£543,999.49</u>

REPRESENTED BY:-

PROPERTY - VAUGHAN ST. LLANELLI	£410,905.00
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INVESTMENTS

CASH IN BANK as at 31/3/2024	CURRENT ACCOUNT	£130,688.99
	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	<u>£2,405.50</u>
		£133,094.49 £133,094.49
		<u>£543,999.49</u>

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY TYBIE GROUP – AMMAN VALLEY AREA

BALANCE SHEET 2023/24

RECEIPTS	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Opening balance in Current A/C	1835.78	Cheques issued for Xmas gifts	190.00
		Christmas gift from 2022	20.00
Opening balance in Deposit A/C	1295.22	Closing balance in Current A/C	1625.78
Interest on Deposit A/C	13.80	Closing balance in Deposit A/C	1309.02
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	3144.80		3144.80
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Audited and found correct

Signed: h. Blaine

13/6/24

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

CWMAMMAN BRANCH

Financial Statement for Year to 31st March 2024

Balance in deposit Account on April 1st 2023 £3086.97

Receipts		£	Expenditure		£
<u>2023</u>			<u>2023</u>		
April 1	Bank Interest.	6.92			
	Collection Boxes at commercial premises in the Amman Valley	43.77	Sept. 12	June Quarterly Donations to 11 registrations @ £10.	110.00
Aug. 29	Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of the late Mr. Randall Williams. (reg. member)	110.00	Sept. 12	September Quarterly Donations to 11 registrations @ £10.	110.00
Dec. 12	Donation from friend of the branch.	150.00	Sept. 12	December Disbursement. Christmas gifts to 11 registrations @ £30	330.00
<u>2024</u>			<u>2024</u>		
	Collection Boxes at commercial premises in the Amman Valley	82.71			
Jan. 31	County Christmas Disbursement – Christmas gifts of £10 each to 11 registrations.	110.00			
Mar. 31	<u>Income</u>	<u>503.40</u>	Mar. 31	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>550.00</u>

Loss for year £550.00 - £503.40 = £46.60

Balance @ year end £3086.97- £46.60 = £3040.37

Balance in Deposit Account on 31st March 2024 £3040.37

Audited and found correct.



6th April 2024

Carmarthenshire Blind Society Towy Branch

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 31-3-2024

Opening Balance	30-4-2023	£1,783-67
Carmarthenshire Blind Society		70-00
Blind Box (Optician)		<u>121-65</u>

£1,975.32

Christmas Gifts		240-00
Closing Balance	31-3-2024	<u>£1,735.32</u>

£1,975.32

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LLANDOVERY AND DISTRICT BLIND ASSOCIATION.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – YEAR ENDING 31 - 3 – 2024.

INCOME

Opening Balance.

Treasurers Account	£ 5,009.56
Shop Collections and House to House	£ 116.80
Chemist and Today Boxes	£ NIL
Bank interest	£ NIL
Carms. Blind Soc.	£ NIL
In Memory	£ NIL
Other Donations	£ 60.00
Out of Date Cheques not presented	<u>£ 55.00</u>
Total	£ 5,241.36

EXPENDITURE

Spring Gifts	£ 90.00
Christmas Gifts	£ 180.00
Carms .Blind Soc	£ NIL

Closing Balance

Treasurers Account	£ 4,971.36
Total	<u>£ 5,241.36</u>

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



Daniel Jones. (Retired Bank official)
17/04/2024

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY – MYNYDD MAWR BRANCH

REGISTRATION NO 219551

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT MARCH 31st 2023 - MARCH 31st 2024

INCOME

Balance at Lloyds Bank 31.3.23 £4,144.55

DONATIONS

In Memory of Mrs Eileena Sutton £268.74

In Memory of Mr Delme Jones £420.00

In Memory of Mrs Fay Walters £200.00

In Memory of Eileen Chapman £220.00

Individual Donations £20.00

RAFFLES

Kings Head, Capel Hendre 19.7.23 £90.00

Plough Rhosmaen, Christmas Dinner £97.00

COLLECTION BOXES

Gorslas Stores £34.78

Tumble Stores £64.30

Carmarthenshire Blind Society
Christmas Gift contribution £260.00

£5,819.37

EXPENDITURE

Dinner at Kings Head, Capel Hendre 19.7.23 £425.00

Rent Neuadd Y Gat for Meetings £40.00

Christmas Dinner, Plough Rhosmaen £832.00

Donation Papur Llafar £100.00

Donation Llyfrau Llafar Cymru £100.00

Christmas Gifts £1,300.00

£2,797.00

At Lloyds Bank 31.3.24 £3,022.37

£5,819.37

Instant Savings Account 31.3.24 £7,114.25

Examined and found
Correct.

S. Jones
5/5/24

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY AMMAN VALLEY AREA

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Balance brought forward	136.90	Christmas gifts to the blind	500.00
County Funds	750.00	Closing balance	386.90
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	886.90		886.90
	=====		=====

Audited and found correct

Signed: h. Blaney

15/6/24.

CARMARTHEN BLIND SOCIETY

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME

INTEREST	£580.58
CRISTMAS GIFTS (COUNTY)	£670.00
TOTAL INCOME:-	£1,250.58

EXPENDITURE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS	£2,070.00
POSTAGE	£141.90
REFUND (COUNTY - CHRISTMAS GIFTS)	£60.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:-	£2,271.90

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	£1,021.32
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BALANCE SHEET

NS&I BONDS	£17,500.00
BANK BALANCE C/F	£3,751.57
MINUS EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	<u>£1,021.32</u>
	£2,730.25 £2,730.25
	£20,230.25

REPRESENTED BY:-

NS&I BONDS	£17,500.00
BANK BALANCE	£2,730.25
	£20,230.25

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT 1/9/2024

WENDY JONES

LLANELLI BLIND SOCIETY**BALANCE SHEET 2023 - 2024**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
BALANCE B/FWD £37,696.58			
CARM COUNTY CONTRA PAYMENTS	£786.00	PISYS	£919.56
CARM POSTAGE AND GIFTS	£131.40	SWALEC	£1730.47
IN Memorium Mrs CAROL LEE	£135.00	POSTAGE CARMARTHEN	£75.00
IN Memorium Mrs ANN WILLIAMS	£110.00	BT	£1872.20
IN Memorium Mrs MARGARET JENKINS	£2,585.13	TELEVISION LICENCE	£159.00
IN Memorium Mr JOHN ARTHUR DAVIES	£500.00	PEAC UK LTD	£1484.88
IN Memorium MARGARET EILEEN CHAPMAN	£51.06	CHRISTMAS GIFT CARMARTHEN	£30.00
IN Memorium Mr JOHN DELANEY	£235.00	NET BOP	£54.00
COUNTY CONTRA DYFED ALARMS	£444.00	GRANT Mrs TRACEY BUTTERS	£500.00
CARM CONTRA POSTAGE	£70.50	CHUBB	£195.82
		SUNDRIES	£4809.34
TOTAL INCOME 2023 – 2024	£42,744.67	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2023 - 2024	£11,830.27

Represented by

BARCLAYS BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT £122,570.68 BARCLAYS BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT £14,255.69**BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT £30,914.40****BALANCE C/FWD £167,740.77****TREASURER : Miss Isabelle Scott-James****Date : 22.06.2024.****AUDITOR : Mrs Anna Angelone Jones****Date : 30.06.2024.**

BRYNAMAN BLIND SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023 - 2024

INCOME

Bank Balance end of April 2023	71.21
Collection Box - Mrs. Iris Evans	11.07
	<u>82.28</u>

EXPENDITURE

	0
Bank balance at end of April 2024	<u>82.28</u>
	<u>82.28</u>
30 day notice a/c at end of April 2024:	4052.84

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY
AMMANFORD DISTRICT BRANCH

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£		£
Opening balance	16,297.51	Christmas gifts	1,130.00
Bank interest received	80.38	Closing balance	15,247.89
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	16,377.89		16,377.89
	=====		=====

Excess of EXPENDITURE over INCOME - £1,049.62

Audited and found correct

Signed: h. Blalau 15/6/24