

CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

(REGISTERED CHARITY NO:- 219551)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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ENDING 31st MARCH 2025

The Trustees present this report with the financial statements of the charity consolidated for the year ended 31st March 2025

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 165th 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.

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 another successful year for our Society in general, with a total excess of income over expenditure of £5,834 being demonstrated for the year. The Society's overall assets still remain very healthy which will hold us in good stead going forward when making distributions to our blind and partially sighted members.

As mentioned in previous years, some of our smaller branches are still finding it increasingly challenging, what with some of their elderly volunteers retiring early due to ill-health and the inability to find ready replacements.

Despite having these reduced numbers, however, I am still confident 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 all 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.

Unfortunately over the last year, it has been increasingly difficult to keep our Llanelli Centre open on a regular basis. This position is presently being monitored and consideration is being made for the possible sale of the building.

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.

ALAN JONES - (COUNTY TREASURER)

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CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>
GENERAL DONATIONS	6035
COUNTY DONATIONS - CHRISTMAS GIFTS	9982
LEGACIES	715
CAREERS WALES RENT	22500
CHRISTMAS GIFT RETURNS	80
BANK INTEREST	3985
<u>TOTAL INCOME:-</u>	<u>43297</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
TRUSTEE INSURANCE	373
INSURANCE	1905
WATER RATES	142
ALARM/MAINTENANCE	3402
HEATING	600
TELEPHONE	2107
BRANCH DONATIONS	1050
ANNUAL HONORARIUMS	800
POSTAGE	82
CHAIRLIFT/REPAIRS	1780
BLIND DINNERS	1380
COMPUTER/REPAIRS	2181
SUNDRY REPAIRS	5176
CHRISTMAS GIFTS	12720
RENT	40
STATIONERY	4
BANK CHARGES	9
BRYNAMAN BRANCH CLOSURE	3712
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:-</u>	<u>37463</u>

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE:- 5834

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

£

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FUNDS

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT	410905
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ACCUMALATED ACCOUNT

AS AT 31/3/2024	363653	
PLUS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	5834	
	<u>369487</u>	369487
		<u>780392</u>

REPRESENTED BY:-

PROPERTY - VAUGHAN ST LLANELLI	410905
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BANK BALANCES

COUNTY	147438	
TYBIE	2670	
CWMAMAN	2596	
TYWI	1515	
LLANDOVERY	4698	
MYNYDD MAWR	8782	
AMMAN VALLEY	137	
CARMARTHEN	19804	
LLANELLI	165579	
AMMANFORD	16268	
	<u>369487</u>	369487
		<u>780392</u>

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

I report on the Consolidated Accounts of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society for the year ending 31st March 2025. 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 (5/11/2025)