

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 221220

**THE SWANSEA CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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## **THE SWANSEA CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE**

### **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

CHARITY NUMBER	221220
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Cardigan House Castle Court Llansamlet Swansea SA7 9LA
TRUSTEES	Timothy N Douglas-Jones Julia Terry Kate Galloway John Aylward Talina Jones Paul Lewis June Talbot
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Bevan Buckland LLP Chartered Accountants Cardigan House Castle Court Swansea Enterprise Park Swansea SA7 9LA

### **APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES**

The Swansea Centre for Deaf People is constituted by Trust Deed.

New trustees are appointed by the Board of Management and ratified at Annual General Meeting.

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015).

**REGISTERED NAME**

The name of the charity registered at the Charities Commission is The Swansea Centre for Deaf People.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The aim of the charity is to provide a welfare, social and religious centre for deaf people.

**ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The charity is managed by a management committee that meets on an approximately six weekly basis and the day-to-day management has been carried out by a part time Building Development and Project Manager. The social structure is managed by the deaf members.

**REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

SCFDP has been in existence in one guise or another for well over a hundred years. These last three years may well have been one of the deepest financial crises of that entire period, although, thanks to our small and very devoted staff of paid and volunteer staff, the flow of funds, as well as the amount of activity, is rapidly coming back to normal.

Our principal objects are and have always been to provide facilities which will benefit the deaf community.

The trustees are delighted to report the continuing success of the Centre in that regard and that we look to have survived the lacuna in activities.

The remarkable improvement and extension to our main centre at 57a Neath Rd has really begun to come into its own. We now enjoy a well-designed new extension which consists of two new classrooms, WC facilities on two floors, showers to cater for all abilities, training room, a magnificent new industrial standard kitchen, and a cafeteria area with both inside and outside facilities. The two upstairs classrooms have been put to extremely good use as we are now actively providing courses in three levels of British Sign Language.

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The ingenious external fire escape ramp has come into its own as it enables the less able-bodied to access the upper level without having to use either stairs or the lift allowing level entry and exit from Philadelphia Lane into both the new study area at the rear of the building and to the gymnasium/theatre hall in the pre-existing building. It also serves as a vital additional exit in times of emergency.

There are many evenings when there are as many as three or even four separate areas of activity in the centre right up to 9.00 pm which is very heartening.

We are currently looking for funding to promote more diverse activities including culinary instruction and fitness training.

None of our successes could have been possible without the concerted efforts of all those who are employed by us and work many voluntary extra hours and days. Nor would it have been possible without the voluntary contributions of so many of the community and we express our eternal thanks.

On the topic of volunteering, our activities have come to the attention of the high sheriff, several deputy lord lieutenants, and the lord lieutenant herself. It has been suggested that we put ourselves forward for the Queen's/King's award for voluntary services. Whether this is achieved or not, some of us have set to this project with a will and the application has helped to put us in the public eye. If it should be successful, then all our volunteers should rightfully bask in the reflected glory of their combined concerted and diligent assistance of the community.

As stated, this application raised our public perception. On two occasions representatives of the community have taken pride of place in St Mary's Church Swansea, firstly to celebrate the life of our late Queen and secondly to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III.

Many people were full of praise for the poem read by Lydia and signed by Talina from the lectern. It was very moving and impactful. Well done to you both.

Elsewhere, in a remarkable achievement, Wales male and female Deaf Rugby Sevens Teams were crowned WORLD CHAMPIONS in the Sevens Tournament played in Cordoba, Argentina.

It was the Men's third world rugby championship win in the last three world tournaments.

This year was the world debut for women and Wales Female sevens team beat England resoundingly by 32 points to nil in the finals.

The results on the field only tell half the story as many players self-funded themselves in order to compete. We salute them all heartily.

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Jon Cudd, the Mens' Captain, who has been associated with Deaf Rugby since 2006 stated: -

“What I want most importantly is to inspire the next generation and to have this constant conveyor belt of talent coming through: so, we can continue to be at the top of world rugby.”

We thank Anne Hedges and Martin Porrit, who have both taken up part time posts at the Centre.

We continue to be grateful to Peter Bryan. Not content with obtaining Lotto funding for staff for a period of three years and raising funds for the extension from Big Lotto and for equipment for the kitchen from Wooden Spoon, he is actively seeking further sources of funding.

We continue to pursue our intentions to assist members of the community to improve their culinary skills using the excellent facilities now at our disposal.

Both our income and our reserves have been drastically reduced. This is attributable, in part; to the enforced inactivity of Covid, and the cessation of the lease of the classroom by Pentre Hafod School. However, the longer-term effect of lockdown has seen a lower footfall into the premises and without activity there must be a shortfall. Income is coming back and at present is being generated from a variety of sources by using the existing facilities for educational purposes. But currently it is insufficient.

We have been having a long hard look at the campsite in Marytwill. This is sadly underutilised and would probably have a market value, in excess of, £1m. The sale thereof is very tempting, but there is a substantial financial clawback from the estate of Admiral Glyn Vivian if the property should be sold within forty years of the acquisition of the freehold reversion.

Our next financial target will be for us to re-apply to the Lotto/Community Fund to cover the salaries of our permanent members of staff, Helen Robins-Talbot, Anne and Martin.

The umbrella charity SCFDP has facilitated an increasing number of projects, which have materialised as a result of the provision of the facilities themselves, combined with huge enthusiasm, vision and hard work emanating from our dedicated staff and those running the satellite organisations which flourish under our banner. It is to be hoped that all this effort will be rewarded by the attainment of success in various fields by our users.

Improvements to the Centres in Hafod and in Mary Twill continue year on year thanks to our three very dedicated staff and the assistance of a good core of volunteers. We continue to hope that the number of volunteers will increase please!

Young at Hearts' mostly deaf /HOH people will of course continue to use the café for a regular get together, for social gatherings: they play cards, bingo have guest speakers, and it is a great help to all that we provide free wi-fi so that every user may easily access information.

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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 – CONTINUED

The sum of **£500** has been raised by Community Funding in order to start coaching in the **martial** art of **Tai Chi**.

**A bucket collection** at the Morfa Stadium raised **£250**.

**A Coronation Party** also raised **£1,000**.

Some hundreds of pounds are raised by slide show presentations, where the speaker endorses his fees over to the SCFDP

We were fortunate to receive a substantial cheque from The Masonic Province of S W Wales.

Other applications for funding are being considered.

We look forward to receiving the members support in whatever manner they feel able.

#### **Camp Site in Mary Twill Lane, the bequest of Admiral Glyn Vivian.**

Over the recent 24 months or so we have

- i) been given a sizeable donation by generous neighbours.
- ii) let the entire lower half of the field and facilities to construction workers who are renovating and improving a nearby house. In consideration for this we have been receiving a little over £1,600 pcm and as at June '23 we have been letting it out for some eight months, with little sign of their completing the project. I cannot emphasise how timely this arrangement has been, as (along with many organisations throughout Britain) many activities have virtually ceased as a result of lock down and they are all seemingly slow to restart.

The Board of Management remains concerned that we must preserve our limited assets in perpetuity for future generations. We shall continue to husband our limited capital with great care and endeavour to make ends meet from year to year.

Our organisation costs in the region of £30,000 pa. This is usually funded in part by charitable donations and (limited) rental income. But however hard we try, there is usually a small deficit at year end, particularly when we are not being funded by the Big Lotto or its successor organisation. This year the deficit has been less than last. None of the Board of Management either receives or seeks any form of remuneration... not even expenses. I thank them for their hours of work behind the scenes.

John Aylward our hon treasurer: I extend the hearty thanks of the board of trustees to John for all his hard work as hon. accountant.

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### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 – CONTINUED**

Our two new trustees Dr Julia Terry and Ms Kate Galloway have attended board of management meetings and I am delighted to say that they are most welcome as they both contribute their expertise and their (relative) youth.

We continue to provide pre-school guidelines and support, dance, sign language courses, social networking, social activities, as well as trips and we are a meeting place for young mums who find themselves in a similar predicament, namely with a deaf child or children. We bring adolescent deaf people together and here they are taught many life skills which the Hearing Community tend to take for granted. Additionally, we provide facilities to the adult sports and social club so that they can meet up and socialise generally.

I stress the need for potential benefactors to remember our charity SPECIFICALLY in order to ensure that funds remain local! NB Swansea Centre For Deaf People is registered charity no 221220.

We are very much hoping that those reading this report will be ever conscious of the need to work together to perpetuate the Centre. This can be done in many ways, including charitable donations, pro-active fund raising and being prepared to give of your time freely to make ends meet.

We continue to hope that Adult Deaf People will actively volunteer their different life skills in order to help deaf children and adolescents in their transition from childhood into adulthood and help them to be prepared for this journey.

Our resources are finite, but unfortunately deafness can visit successive generations and I hope that we will all strive to preserve the great asset which, is the Swansea Centre for Deaf People, from generation to generation.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees consider risk management on a regular basis and consider the need for:

- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.



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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 – CONTINUED**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The total receipts of £111,129 (2021: £102,605), were spent on direct charitable expenditure totalling £56,978 (2021: £50,753), fund raising expenses £3,328 (2021: £3,447), publicity expenses £3,327 (2021: £3,447), support and administration £5,652 (2021: £5,576) and the purchase of fixed assets of £11,069 (2021: £56,264).

This resulted in a net excess of receipts over payments of £30,886 compared to an excess of payments over receipts of £16,882 in 2021.

The general fund covers the receipts and payments of the charity in carrying out its role in respect of its objects.

Restricted funds represent grants received from The Big Lottery for the purpose of the construction of an extension to the charity's property at Neath Road, Swansea and payments relating thereto. At the end of the year no part of the grant remained unspent.

All assets are held to achieve the objects of the charity.

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

The trustees consider it prudent to maintain the reserves of the charity at a minimum of three months normal expenditure to ensure that unforeseen events will not prevent the charity continuing its activities. At the end of 2022 the charity's reserves represented by its monetary assets were substantially in excess of this objective.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The charity provides a religious, welfare and social center for deaf people.

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**TRUSTEES**

The Trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Timothy N Douglas Jones (Chair)	Paul Lewis
June Talbot	Talina Jones
Julia Terry	Kate Galloway
John Aylward	

No trustee has any financial interest in the charity.

The charity is governed by its charitable rules and is restricted to carrying out activities within its charitable objectives.

By order of the Board:

  
Chair

DATE 10.9.2023

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

### THE SWANSEA CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages nine to thirteen.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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 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 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 examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
<b>GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED</b>				
Donations	35,585	-	35,585	41,561
Covid Grant	-	-	-	9,820
Big Lottery Grant	-	-	-	20,912
Warmer Hubs and Safer Places	-	1,600	1,600	-
<b>Total grants and donations</b>	<b>35,585</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>37,185</b>	<b>72,293</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME RECEIPTS</b>				
Investment Income	36,432	-	36,432	3,417
Deposit Account Interest	22	-	22	-
FIT receipts	1,920	-	1,920	1,834
Cafe Takings	3,068	-	3,068	1,911
Sign Language Courses	26,770	-	26,770	22,288
Miscellaneous	401	-	401	32
Rent Received	5,441	-	5,441	830
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>74,054</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,054</b>	<b>30,312</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>109,639</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>111,239</b>	<b>102,605</b>
<b>LESS: PAYMENTS</b>				
Fundraising Expenses	3,328	-	3,328	3,447
Publicity Expenses	3,327	-	3,327	3,447
Support and Administration Expenses	5,652	-	5,652	5,576
Charitable Activity Expenses	56,978	-	56,978	50,753
	<b>69,284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,284</b>	<b>63,223</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>40,355</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>41,955</b>	<b>39,382</b>
<b>PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Development and improvement of property	11,069	-	11,069	56,264
	<b>11,069</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,069</b>	<b>56,264</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOW</b>	<b>29,286</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>30,886</b>	<b>(16,882)</b>
Cash balances at 1 January 2022				
At bank and in hand	43,075	-	43,075	59,957
Cash balances at 31 December 2022				
At bank and in hand	72,361	1,600	73,961	43,075
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**SCHEDULE TO RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>		
Staff Salaries	3,246	3,373
Travel expenses	14	11
Stationery postage and telephone	68	63
	<b>3,328</b>	<b>3,447</b>
	=====	=====
<b>PUBLICITY EXPENSES</b>		
Staff Salaries	3,245	3,373
Travel expenses	14	11
Stationery postage and telephone	68	63
	<b>3,327</b>	<b>3,447</b>
	=====	=====
<b>SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Staff Salaries	3,245	3,373
Rates	118	-
Repairs and maintenance	374	931
Computer expenses	-	-
Light, Heat and Water	989	567
Stationery postage and telephone	68	63
Insurances	354	330
Travel expenses	13	21
Cleaning	107	72
Miscellaneous	384	219
	<b>5,652</b>	<b>5,576</b>
	=====	=====
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITY EXPENSES</b>		
Staff Salaries	22,719	23,614
Rates	1,064	-
Repairs and maintenance	3,367	8,383
Cafe Costs	877	855
Computer Expenses	-	-
Light, Heat and Water	8,905	5,137
Stationery postage and telephone	476	437
Insurances	3,185	2,975
Signing Interpreter	-	-
Travel expenses	95	167
Sign Language Courses	15,166	8,266
Cleaning	965	651
TV licence	159	158
Covid Regulation	-	110
	<b>56,978</b>	<b>50,753</b>
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**MONETARY ASSETS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>		
Bank Current Account – Lloyds Bank	66,700	2,683
Bank Deposit Account – Lloyds Bank	6,738	39,893
Cash	523	500
	<b>73,961</b>	<b>43,076</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Debtors and Prepayments</b>	£	£
Insurance prepaid	2,160	2,020
Alarm system prepaid	-	285
Rates	87	-
	=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accruals:</b>		
Gas and electricity	1,362	538
Water	470	-
Training	5,050	-
<b>Creditors:</b>		
Trade creditor	917	917
Other creditor	1,103	-
	=====	=====
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		

The £1,600 restricted fund from Warmer Hugs and Safer places was unspent at the year end as only received in December 2022.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

### NON-MONETARY ASSETS

		2022	2021
<b>Investments at Cost</b>			
		£	£
Old Mutual Income Fund	2239 units	5,997	5,997
Barclays	4500 25p shares	4,680	4,680
Royal Dutch Shell	1090 Class B Ord	4,203	4,203
Prudential	1250 5p shares	2,588	2,588
M & G Securities	1130 Charifund Income ( <i>Sold</i> )	-	5,346
Marks & Spencer	1457 Ord 25p shares ( <i>Sold</i> )	-	6,709
Murray International	1300 Ord 25p shares	5,242	5,242
BT Group	595 5p Ord	<u>1,505</u>	<u>1,505</u>
		24,215	36,270
		=====	=====

The market value of these investments at 31 December 2022 was £279,259 (31 December 2021: £97,369).

### Fixed Assets

#### Furniture and equipment

Furniture and Equipment Cost Estimated	2,100	2,100
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#### Land and buildings used by the charity

The Charity's land and buildings at Hafod, Swansea were purchased in 2007 for £131,184 including associated costs. A substantial extension is being built at the rear of the main building and expenditure incurred on this up to the end of the year was £496,774 of which £219,000 has been contributed by a grant from The Big Lottery.

The charity owns a field at Mary Twill Lane, Caswell, Swansea. It is not practical to value this property.



T N DOUGLAS-JONES - Trustee

10-9-23 Date