

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 221220

THE SWANSEA CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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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 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 2023

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 1st January 2019).

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 for well over a hundred years.

After some very difficult years, attributable almost entirely to the sociological dislocation, which was Covid 19, we have now moved into calmer waters and are enjoying better footfall and greater success with our numerous projects.

I pay tribute to our small and very devoted staff of paid and unpaid volunteers who have seen us through troubled and more successful times alike. 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 reiterate our eternal thanks.

I particularly wish to mention our indomitable manager Helen R-T who has perforce had to cut back and work from home for several weeks whilst recovering from surgery

In no small part thanks to Helen and of course the brilliant Pete Bryant the flow of funds, as well as the number of available activities, are rapidly coming back to normal.

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

The improvement and extension to our main centre at 57a Neath Rd have been constantly in demand for teaching, activities, and hire. Our sign language courses have been a most noteworthy success.

We now have a magnificent industrial standard **kitchen**, and a cafeteria area with both inside and outside facilities. The two upstairs classrooms and kitchen have been put to extremely good use by our BSL classes we are now actively providing courses up to level 4 British Sign Language, and other courses

There continue to be 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.

On the topic of volunteering, I am delighted to be able to report that our application for what had been the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services actually came to fruition last November. It was announced on His Majesty's birthday and of course it has now become The **King's Award**.

I believe I am correct in saying that ours was both the first and only one that was successful in South Wales and one of only 6 Welsh volunteer organisations to be the recipient of this prestigious award and a formal presentation is eagerly awaited. This in large part depends upon the health of our Lord Lieutenant, who has been poorly, and we are hoping that she will make a full recovery in time for a hoped-for presentation in the autumn.

The application has helped to put us in the public eye. For example, I personally was honoured (in my capacity as chairman) to be one of two invitees to one of the summer garden parties at Buckingham Palace. I was accompanied by Oliver Fitzpatrick, who deserved the invitation much more than did I. He has worked unstintingly at the Neath Rd centre for as long as it has been open. It was wonderful to be accompanied by Oliver's mum Joanne and my wife Caroline. Sadly, it poured with rain all day, but the finger buffet was wonderful!

We are now permitted to use the **King's Award logo** on stationery and for all official business: so, it has brought our relatively small organisation considerable cachet.

The award does not single out any one person for especial praise and Oliver and I dedicate it to all our volunteers. Ranked among this number are also those who, although they receive a salary: they additionally give infinitely more of their time and skills than their modest number of official working hours might suggest.

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In a protracted period of awful weather, where camping might well have been a miserable washout, I'm pleased to say that we have been able to let the field at Mary Twill once more, this time for very nearly two whole years. This has brought in a very handsome income to the coffers. When the builders eventually depart, they have assured us that they will restore the field as much as possible to tip top condition.

The sale Of Mary Twill always remains up for consideration as the land is hugely valuable, thereof a sale 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. The Board of management are not therefore contemplating a disposal for a good number of years (if indeed they ever would).

We thank Dannielle Jenkins, Anne Hedges and Martin Porrit, who continue with their part time posts at the Centre.

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.

Our next financial target will be for us to re-apply to the Lottery/Community Fund to cover the salaries of our permanent members of staff, Heien Robins-Taibot, 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. This group also contribute fundraising by running raffles, haircuts and Bonus ball donations

Talking Hands and **SDS&S** also contribute to fundraising activities in the centre to contribute towards central funds.

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

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It is heartwarming to see the user groups contributing to the running costs of the centre.

The success of funding from **Swansea CC** grants (£7,180) **Warm Hubs** and **Coast Funding** have enabled us to provide food, warmth and snacks during the winter months, combined with activities such as Tai chi and Yoga.

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.

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 £35,000 plus 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 Lottery or its successor organisation the Community Fund.

This year we have been fortunate enough not to have a deficit. 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.

We continue to provide space for **Talking Hands** who support families of Deaf and hearing parents and young mums who have Deaf children to come together for support, through trips, club and socialising with others in a similar predicament, who have a deaf child or children.

Our **Deaf Adults** come together from Swansea and surrounding areas to socialise and arrange activities with other clubs in activities such as pool, darts and sports where 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.

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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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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total receipts of £111,588 (2022: £111,239), were spent on direct charitable expenditure totalling £81,060 (2022: £56,978), fund raising expenses £3,605 (2022: £3,328), publicity expenses £3,605 (2022: £3,327), support and administration £6,818 (2022: £5,652) and the purchase of fixed assets of £nil (2022: £11,069).

This resulted in a net excess of receipts over payments of £16,501 compared to an excess of payments over receipts of £41,955 in 2022.

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

Restricted funds represent any 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 2023 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

Kate Galloway

Julia Terry

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:



DATE

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SWANSEA CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages ten 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 2023

	£	£	2023 £	2022 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED				
Donations	17,563	-	17,563	35,585
Warmer Hubs and Safer Places	7,180	-	7,180	1,600
Total grants and donations	24,743	-	24,743	37,185
OTHER INCOME RECEIPTS				
Investment Income	33,536	-	33,536	36,432
Deposit Account Interest	703	-	703	22
FIT receipts	-	-	-	1,920
Cafe Takings	4,087	-	4,087	3,068
Sign Language Courses	34,048	-	34,048	26,770
Miscellaneous	472	-	472	401
Rent Received	14,000	-	14,000	5,441
Total other income	86,845	-	86,845	74,054
TOTAL RECEIPTS	111,588	-	111,588	111,239
LESS: PAYMENTS				
Fundraising Expenses	3,605	-	3,605	3,328
Publicity Expenses	3,605	-	3,605	3,327
Support and Administration Expenses	6,818	-	6,818	5,652
Charitable Activity Expenses	79,460	1,600	81,060	56,978
	93,488	1,600	95,088	69,284
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	18,101	(1,600)	16,501	41,955
PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS				
Development and improvement of property	-	-	-	11,069
	-	-	-	56,264
NET CASH FLOW	18,101	(1,600)	16,501	30,886
Cash balances at 1 January 2023				
At bank and in hand	72,361	1,600	73,961	43,075
Cash balances at 31 December 2023				
At bank and in hand	90,462	-	90,462	73,961

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SCHEDULE TO RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	3,534	3,246
Travel expenses	3	14
Stationery postage and telephone	68	68
	<u>3,605</u>	<u>3,328</u>
PUBLICITY EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	3,534	3,245
Travel expenses	3	14
Stationery postage and telephone	68	68
	<u>3,605</u>	<u>3,327</u>
SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	3,534	3,245
Rates	328	118
Repairs and maintenance	484	374
Light, Heat and Water	1,874	989
Stationery postage and telephone	69	68
Insurances	355	354
Travel expenses	4	13
Cleaning	110	107
Miscellaneous	60	384
	<u>6,818</u>	<u>5,652</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITY EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	24,737	22,719
Rates	765	1,064
Repairs and maintenance	4,352	3,367
Cafe Costs	1,615	877
Light, Heat and Water	16,867	8,905
Stationery postage and telephone	478	476
Insurances	3,200	3,185
Signing Interpreter	531	-
Travel expenses	20	95
Sign Language Courses	26,448	15,166
Cleaning	988	965
TV licence	159	159
Audit Fees	900	-
	<u>81,060</u>	<u>56,978</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

MONETARY ASSETS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank and Cash Balances		
Bank Current Account – Lloyds Bank	79,177	66,700
Bank Deposit Account – Lloyds Bank	10,920	6,738
Cash	364	523
	<u>90,462</u>	<u>73,961</u>
Debtors and Prepayments	£	£
Insurance prepaid	2,143	2,160
Alarm system prepaid	-	-
Rates	-	87
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Liabilities		
Accruals:		
Gas and electricity	923	1,362
Water	252	470
Training	2,632	5,050
Creditors:		
Trade creditor	1,729	1,103
Other creditor	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Restricted Funds

The £1,600 unspent in 2022 from Warmer Hugs and Safer places was fully spent in 2023.

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NON-MONETARY ASSETS

		2023	2022
		£	£
Investments at Cost			
Old Mutual Income Fund	2239 units	5,997	5,997
Barclays	4500 25p shares	-	4,680
Royal Dutch Shell	1090 Class B Ord	-	4,203
Prudential	1250 5p shares	2,588	2,588
Murray International	1300 Ord 25p shares	5,242	5,242
BT Group	595 5p Ord	1,505	1,505
		15,332	24,215

The market value of these investments at 31 December 2023 was £258,561 (31 December 2022: £279,259).

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

01/11/24 Date

