

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 221220

THE SWANSEA CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

CHARITY NUMBER	221220
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Ground Floor, Cardigan House Castle Court Swansea Enterprise Park Swansea SA7 9LA
TRUSTEES	Timothy N Douglas-Jones Sara Jenkins Julia Terry Kate Galloway John Aylward Paul Lewis June Talbot
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Bevan Buckland LLP Chartered Accountants Ground Floor, 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 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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.

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

On behalf of the very loyal, devoted and hard-working Board of Trustees I begin this report with some very sad news. John D Jeremy died this autumn. John was a very well respected and very able chartered accountant, having been a partner in a large local firm until his retirement from private practice around the Millenium. By then he had already had a very long involvement with SCfD as our honorary auditor, which involved many hours of professional work.

Immediately upon his retirement he was then inducted onto the Board of Management where he became our very capable and assiduous treasurer. I worked with John for more than thirty years and at all times considered him to be a wise and reliable mainstay both as our auditor and as treasurer of our Board.

We were very sorry to see him retiring a few years ago, at a time when he was already in his eighties and we wished to mark this event and his involvement with the Charity. John, being an extremely modest man, wanted to leave us without fanfare. So, it was unanimously voted that one of the new classrooms in the wonderful extension, which was built during his stewardship, should be named after him. I hope that those making use of our teaching facilities will think on that modest brass plate and reflect on one of our giants. We shall miss him.

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Swansea Deaf Sports and Social Club

- The club has continued to run every two weeks on Saturdays, with strong attendance from both old and new members.
- Bingo and poker nights remain very popular, with great support from members bringing raffle prizes and helping with sales.
- We held another successful Competition Day, which everyone enjoyed – this is something we plan to keep on the calendar.
- The Grand Draw and poker night in December were a highlight again, drawing good numbers and plenty of fun.
- The Christmas Dinner and Sports Presentation at Norton House Hotel went down very well and members want to see this continue annually.
- The bar refurbishment was completed and officially named “Bar 57”, with positive feedback from members.
- Thanks also go to the kitchen and bar volunteers, as well as those organising raffles and bingo – their efforts keep everything running smoothly.
- We hosted two workshops, one with the BDA and another with Women’s Aid, which were well attended.
- Several members have completed safeguarding and first aid training, and we will soon be undertaking Fire Marshal training in partnership with the Centre.
- Two of our members represented Wales Deaf Football at the European Deaf Football Championships in Antalya, Turkey (20 May – 1 June 2024), an important international event supported by Victoria Motor Company.
- Fundraising highlights included Steffan’s boxing event, which raised over £1,000, and a team of four Deaf runners (Victoria, Dafydd, Kate, and Elwyn) completing the Swansea 10K on 14th September 2025, raising over £400 for the Deaf Centre.

Plans ahead:

- The regular bi-weekly Saturday clubs will continue through the year, with bingo, poker, raffles, and occasional games like UNO.
- Another Competition Day is planned for later this year.
- We will be holding our Christmas Dinner and Presentation again in December, followed by the Grand Draw and Poker Night.
- There are also discussions about reviving the Mary Twill Lane camping trip, which we hope to bring back in the near future.

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South Wales Deaf Club Consortium

- We are in the process of setting up a South Wales Deaf Club Consortium.
- A successful meeting has already taken place with five clubs: Llanelli, Pontypridd, Cardiff, Bridgend, and Swansea.
- The focus is on creating partnership and membership opportunities, securing funding, and planning for long-term development.
- Future initiatives include a South Wales Deaf Day, a Welsh Deaf Rally, and developing stalls, exhibitions, and wider community engagement.

Kickstarter Project

We have launched into new Kickstarter Project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund which has been up and running for more than nineteen months. The primary focus is to benefit members of the deaf community, but we also welcome all ages and people of all abilities.

In order for this project to be effective we recruited 3 new staff members:

- A **cook** for the Lunch Club
- A **catering assistant**, and
- An **admin assistant**

Each staff member started employment on 1st April and are paid on a monthly basis. All staff have been given basic induction training at the start of the contract and were also subject to DBS checks. More specialist training has included Food Hygiene (to Level 2), Health and safety training, and we are organising First aid Training in November.

Freelance Staff

Freelance staff operate the **British Sign Language** (BSL) programme offering a series of 10-week courses in BSL to level 1 (1.01 Course). So far, we have run four courses for 60 people. Courses are particularly offered to families.

We run courses, **Healthy Living/Mixed Craft Sessions**, run by external specialist sessions. Each session generally ends in a lunch club so that participants can stay on and have a cooked meal. Courses so far organised include:

- Pottery
- Fused glass crafting
- Embroidery and needlework
- Felting and modelling
- Flower Arranging
- Jewellery making

Sessions have attracted up to 10 people for each activity, but numbers have steadily increased over the last 18 months, and we are hoping to encourage more to join in.

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Training the Trainers Programme has enabled the Centre to train or retrain our volunteers, staff and other freelancers to better engage with our deaf community by attending:

- First Aid training (starting in November)
- Prevention of scamming and online fraud
- Internet safety
- Fire safety
- Information, advice and guidance sessions on a drop-in basis for each Tuesday from November
- Pre-assessment support classes for **BSL Level 2** and beyond to give people more specific training to suit their needs
- BSL Interpreters course fees, which will assist in developing more activities for users.

New Groups to the Centre, have increased our income:

- A Polish School, which brings in £120 per week in room hire and refreshment fees.
- Adult Learning Wales, who organise activity sessions and help us to raise £120 per week in room hire and refreshment fees.
- We are making steady progress in attracting more deaf people to again start using the Centre after the hiatus caused by both our capital building programme and the effects of Covid and the lockdown programme.
- Our new café area and the additional training spaces are generating revenue.

Mary Twill Lane

As we all know, we have a campsite at the west end of Langland Bay. The field was donated to two charities (NCH and ourselves) many years ago in the will of the late Admiral Glyn Vivian. The field was divided in the 1990s giving us our own exclusive half which included the pavilion and semi-permanent luxury portakabin.

The freehold was acquired in or about 24th January 1997 which involved a financial clawback. Should this property be sold in the forty years following the acquisition of the freehold, 30% of the proceeds must be paid to the freeholders, the Glyn Vivian Estate. It is therefore every much in our interests not to dispose of this valuable land until **26th January 2037** at the earliest.

In the last fifteen years we have been able to generate substantial funds and benefits by letting the plot firstly to **Redrow** in 2012-2015 and more latterly for two or three summers to **two dentists** who were involved in a major house renovation further down Mary Twill Lane. This prolonged occupation made camping impossible for the duration, but this has now occurred for the first time in three years.

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We must not lose sight of the need to generate funds as sadly all the above services cost money and we need to cover them all as well as building maintenance and the improvement/updating of facilities.

You will learn from our Treasurer's report (many thanks of course to our new honorary treasurer John Aylward) that unfortunately we are continuing to run at an overall deficit and more funding is much needed.

Valete:

It is a great loss to us all that for family reasons **Prof Julia Terry** is moving to live in the Home Counties. In the all too brief time that she has been with us, she has proved to be a wonderful asset to the Board. It is particularly sad from my point of view, as I immediately identified her as the perfect successor to the chairmanship post which, for reasons of anno domini, will in due course become vacant.

No report is complete without mentioning our wonderful and loyal staff as well as the devoted board members who continue down the years to give of their time to make the whole SCfDP set up function.

Helen continues to be our central rock and none of what has been achieved over the last ten or fifteen years could possibly have happened without her inspired leadership.

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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total receipts of £102,750 (2023: £111,588), were spent on direct charitable expenditure totalling £95,591 (2023: £81,060), fund raising expenses £4,046 (2023: £3,605), publicity expenses £4,046 (2023: £3,605), support and administration £7,324 (2023: £6,818) and the purchase of fixed assets of £2,519 (2023: £nil).

This resulted in a net excess of payments over receipts of £10,776 compared to an excess of receipts over payments of £16,501 in 2023.

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

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Restricted funds represent the Kickstarter Project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. Of the total grant received during the year, £3,120 was a capital grant for the purpose of acquiring fixed assets, and £32,133 was a revenue grant to enable the charity to benefit members of the deaf community. At the end of the year a total of £17,861 of the grant remained unspent.

All assets are held to achieve the objectives 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 2024 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	Sara Jenkins (appointed 14/11/2024)
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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SWANSEA CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 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 Acthave 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 2024

	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED				
Donations	1,334	-	1,334	17,563
Warmer Hubs and Safer Places	8,333	-	8,333	7,180
Kickstart	300	35,253	35,553	-
Total grants and donations	9,967	35,253	45,220	24,743
OTHER INCOME RECEIPTS				
Investment Income	808	-	808	33,536
Deposit Account Interest	814	-	814	703
FIT receipts	712	-	712	-
Cafe Takings	6,459	-	6,459	4,087
Sign Language Courses	30,970	-	30,970	34,048
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	472
Room Hire	3,767	-	3,767	-
Rent Received	14,000	-	14,000	14,000
Total other income	57,530	-	57,530	86,845
TOTAL RECEIPTS	67,497	35,253	102,750	111,588
LESS: PAYMENTS				
Fundraising Expenses	4,046	-	4,046	3,605
Publicity Expenses	4,046	-	4,046	3,605
Support and Administration Expenses	7,198	126	7,324	6,818
Charitable Activity Expenses	80,844	14,747	95,591	81,060
	96,134	14,873	111,007	95,088
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(28,637)	20,380	(8,257)	16,501
PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS				
Computer equipment	-	1,409	1,409	-
Fixtures and fittings	-	1,110	1,110	-
	-	2,519	2,519	-
NET CASH FLOW	(28,637)	17,861	(10,776)	16,501
Cash balances at 1 January 2024				
At bank and in hand	90,462	-	90,462	73,961
Cash balances at 31 December 2024				
At bank and in hand	61,825	17,861	79,686	90,462

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SCHEDULE TO RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	3,876	3,534
Travel expenses	33	3
Stationery postage and telephone	137	68
	<hr/> 4,046 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,605 <hr/>
PUBLICITY EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	3,876	3,534
Travel expenses	33	3
Stationery postage and telephone	137	68
	<hr/> 4,046 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,605 <hr/>
SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	3,876	3,534
Rates	120	328
Repairs and maintenance	708	484
Light, Heat and Water	1,543	1,874
Stationery postage and telephone	137	69
Insurances	392	355
Travel expenses	32	4
Cleaning	71	110
Miscellaneous	445	60
	<hr/> 7,324 <hr/>	<hr/> 6,818 <hr/>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITY EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries	40,049	24,737
Rates	1,082	765
Repairs and maintenance	6,406	4,352
Cafe Costs	961	1,615
Light, Heat and Water	13,888	16,867
Stationery postage and telephone	1,088	478
Insurances	3,525	3,200
Signing Interpreter	659	531
Travel expenses	226	20
Sign Language Courses	21,668	26,448
Cleaning	637	988
TV licence	506	159
Professional Fees	2,750	-
Audit Fees	900	900
Room Hire	846	-
First Aid courses	400	-
	<hr/> 95,591 <hr/>	<hr/> 81,060 <hr/>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

MONETARY ASSETS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank and Cash Balances		
Bank Current Account – Lloyds Bank (Restricted)	17,861	77,577
Bank Current Account – Lloyds Bank (Unrestricted)	57,438	1,600
Bank Deposit Account – Lloyds Bank	4,134	10,920
Cash	253	364
	79,686	90,462

Debtors and Prepayments

	£	£
Insurance prepaid	2,438	2,143

Liabilities

Accruals:	Gas and electricity		923
	Water	-	252
	Training	-	2,632
	Classes	359	-
	Room Hire	51	-
Creditors:			
	Trade creditor	5,398	1,729
	Other creditor	-	-

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NON-MONETARY ASSETS

		2024	2023
		£	£
Investments at Cost			
Old Mutual Income Fund	2,239 units	5,997	5,997
Prudential	1,250 5p shares	2,588	2,588
Murray International	1,300 Ord 25p shares	5,242	5,242
BT Group	595 5p Ord shares	1,505	1,505
		15,332	15,332

The market value of these investments at 31 December 2024 was £224,088 (31 December 2023: £258,561).

Fixed Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Furniture and Equipment Cost Estimated	2,100	2,100
Fixtures and Fittings Cost	1,110	-
Computer Equipment Cost	1,409	-
	4,619	2,100

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

.....Date