

WIs report for 2022

Clwyd Denbigh had 39 WIs with 836 Members during the year.

WIs have always supported their local communities and found a variety of ways to contribute to them in practical terms. This year has seen them make teddies, bags, crafted hearts and knitted toys for charities. They have taken part in annual shows, garden festivals, a jubilee fair, horse show and summer fairs, and also made Poppies for Remembrance Day. Members made decorations for Gresford Church Christmas Tree Festival, held a tombola and craft stall at Garden Village summer fair and organised a fundraising fashion show at Castle Mill & Pontfadog.

Various afternoon teas, meals for the needy, and food bank support have been offered locally. They helped to prepare a home for Ukrainian refugees and took part in the Denbigh in Bloom competition. One WI hosted a car rally, another offered craft taster sessions in the community and Ruabon held their annual quiz as a fundraiser.

The WI Officers and committees worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide varied and interesting programmes for their members which included Buddi the Therapy Dog and his owner, soap making, a weaving workshop, National Garden Scheme and a talk about the Brothers Yorke of Erddig.

Many WIs organised extra group activities between monthly meetings which included Book Clubs, Walking groups, Lunch and supper clubs, Board and games groups, Quizzes, Craft Groups and Bowls.

Members attended the NFWI Annual Meeting held in May in Cardiff and the Wales Conference held in Caernarfon, either in person or online. Some members have used Denman at Home. Members attended classes and workshops arranged by CDFWI: subcommittees: macrame, whist drives, quiz, autumn walk around Chirk, jam making. There were also workshops for WI Officers and Finance for WI Treasurers.

Home & Garden sub committee held a Spring Lunch and joined with Art & Craft subcommittee to host a Showcase where there were a variety of crafts to see being undertaken. There was a lot of interest shown and classes are -planned for the coming year.

WIs worked on the campaigns that follow from the acceptance of the Resolutions at NFWI Annual Meetings. We are looking forward to the White Ribbon Event being held in north Wales, for the first time, in November.

The Federation organised a social meeting with the Senior Coroner for North West Wales as the guest speaker, this was very popular with members. In June, a Birthday Lunch was held to celebrate the Federations 90th Birthday, members Dressed to Impress and were entertained by the Ukulele Lady!

Several WIs received grants from sources including Community Councils, and Community Wind Farms to fund speakers, hall hire and educational trips. Llanrhaeadr WI received money to renovate their community kiosk.

The 3 WI Advisers are there to help and guide you through any problems you may have in the running of your WI, so please don't hesitate to contact them should you have a problem or require any advice. Group Meetings were held during the year, after a break due to Covid and are a great way of getting to know fellow members and enjoy social events with each other.

The WI tent at the Denbigh & Flint Show was a success, and the standard of entries was high from our Federation, though we didn't win the cup for the most entries. The volunteer stewards worked tirelessly before, during and after the event, so many thanks to them. Very shortly the schedule for next year's show will be available so there will be plenty to be doing during the winter evenings. There are plans to hold courses to correspond with the different classes within the schedule.

Our Secretary, Katrina, continues to be a valuable asset to the Federation and is a friendly voice at the end of the telephone. Katrina has recently commenced as Federation Secretary for Clwyd Flint as well as Clwyd Denbigh.

As Federation Chairman, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for all their hard work and commitment keeping the Federation running smoothly.

We have received quite a lot of enquiries from potential members, and we look forward to welcoming them plus lots of new members in the future.

Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Clwyd Denbigh Federation of Women's Institutes Ffederasiwn Sefydliadau
Merched Clwyd Dinbych Registered Charity 227599

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Federation related	240.00	13,601.91	
Sub committees	20.00		
Fundraising & Donations		517.65	
Bank Interest		27.34	
NFWI Affiliation Fees	9,640.31		
Pooling of Fares & Insurance	609.00		
Federation of Wales	00.00		
NFWI Annual Meeting	1, 269.00		
Suspended WIs	1,302.81		
New WI Affiliation Fees	747.50		
TOTAL	13,828.62	14,146.90	27,975.52

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	Restricted	Unrestricted	
Federation Related	681.00	2,334.75	
Sub committees		361.16	
Fundraising inc. 500 Club		544.97	
WI House & Office Costs		9,836.32	
NFWI Affiliation Fees, Meetings, etc	8,699.41		
Federation of Wales	00.00		
Walking Netball	280.70		
Climate Grant	18.75		
TOTAL	13,277.27	16,446.08	29,723.35

Excess Expenditure over Income £1,747.83

Opening Bank

Current	6,693.59
Money Manager	8,943.21
Bond	5,000.00
Total	20,636.80

Income	27,975.52
Expenditure	29,723.35
	18,888.97

Closing Bank

Current	4,906.65
Money Manager	8,982.32
Bond	5,000.00
Total	18,888.97

N.B. Restricted funds in the above Closing Bank amount to **£8,898.80**

I have examined the books, papers and other documents presented to me for the year ended 31st December 2022 and confirm that the above account reflects a true and fair view of the transactions undertaken.

Assets

Freehold property 67, Vale Street, Denbigh, Valuation October 2019 £75,000.00

Finance Report

Every WI has been sent a copy of the 2022 Accounts. and I would like to thank Jane Ayres, the Independent Financial Examiner.

The total income for the year amounted to £27,975.52 and the total expenditure amounted to £29,723.35.

Both the income and expenditure were more than in 2021, as WIs started meeting again and classes and events were organised by the Federation.

Income was raised from sources such as the portion of membership subscriptions due to the Federation, Clwb Clwyd, and the share of the sales of NFWI raffle tickets. Classes organised by the Art & Craft sub committee were particularly popular, as was the Federation Social meeting held in March.

Bank interest received was £27.34 an increase on the previous year of £26.03! There will be an even larger increase for this year as the interest rates have gone up, which is to our advantage.

Expenditure was used to fund the operating costs of the Federation: including salary and office costs, and maintenance of WI House, 67, Vale Street Denbigh, which is owned by Clwyd Denbigh Federation.

The Federation also receives money which is then sent on, for example, the portion of the subscription due to NFWI and Pooling of Fares. This year we received money paid in by members joining a new WI, as it took nearly eight months to set up the bank account. We also paid invoices during that time as well. The balance due was paid in December 2022.

For the first time, the Federation accounts included as a separate item, the monies that have been paid to the Federation in error, e.g., some members paid their subscription direct into the Federation bank account instead of their own WI, or some WIs sent the Federation the money for NFWI raffle tickets. This had to be refunded as did ticket money if classes or events had to be cancelled.

In 2022, there was an excess of expenditure over income of £1,747.83 for the year, and the closing balance in the Federation accounts at 31st December 2022 was

£18,888.97. That may sound a lot, but costs such as office costs and maintenance of WI House still need to be paid. Most of the Federations income is received in April, May and June and expenditure is over 12 months.

Also, part of the closing balance, £8,898.80 is restricted funds, that is money that can only be spent for a specific purpose, for example the Tree Project and the Green Grant. It also includes money from suspended WIs, which is held by the Federation for three years in case the WI reforms or a new WI is formed in the area and the funds given to that WI. As well as the money paid by WIs towards the cost of sending Delegates to NFWI Annual Meetings.

There is also some money relating to Denman, and for which, we are **still** awaiting further information from NFWI as to how this can be spent.

The Federation continues to pay all invoices and other payments e.g., Clwb Clwyd, by BACS and no longer issue any cheques. This has helped to reduce the bank charges.

It would be helpful if more members and WIs could pay in online, please just remember to include a reference for the amount.

All payments made by the Federation, are in accordance with the appropriate regulations.

Thank you to the WI Treasurers for all the work they do with WI finances, it isn't an easy job but one that is vital for every WI.

Caroline Selby
CDFWI Treasurer