

## **Annual Report**

Clwyd Denbigh had 38 WIs with 891 Members, including dual members, during the year. Sadly, during the past year one WI has suspended.

WIs have always supported their local communities and found a variety of ways to contribute to them in practical terms. This year they have taken part in Village shows, Sheep dog trials, Scarecrow trails, Garden festivals, a Horse show, Christmas Fayres and Fun days. They have made Poppies for Remembrance Day displays, knitted items for Ukraine, knee blankets for a hospice and Blue Monday hugs for the public to pick up. Craft activities have been held in pubs and a picnic in the park held.

Many WIs held Coronation celebrations with lunches and afternoon teas in the community. Litter picks were held by walking groups, and a community fridge supported in the Eirianfa Centre. One WI provided hampers for underprivileged families, and another ran a tea bar in Denbigh Infirmary. Castlemill and Pontfadog WI held a Fashion show and used the proceeds to support funds for cooking equipment for an after-school club and a tea urn for the community centre. Several WIs also maintained community gardens.

WIs also supported NFWI campaigns. Colwyn Bay WI took part in the tree planting initiative by planting trees in Eirias Park. Ruabon WI planted 2 trees in honour of Covid Survivors & relatives. Llanelwy WI held a White Ribbon event at St. Asaph Cathedral. Some WIs held promotion events for Big Green Week and the Clean Rivers Resolution. One WI made Green Hearts for the Show the Love campaign.

The WI officers and committees worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide varied and interesting programmes for their members. These included talks about Online safety, Belly Dancing, the work of the Air Ambulance service, Genealogy, a Chocolate making demonstration and how to make Chutney.

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

Members have attended the NFWI Annual meeting and the Wales Conference, either in person or online. A few have used Denman at Home. They have also participated in The Denbigh & Flint show, CDFWI Autumn Council and CDFWI classes on offer either in Denbigh or Llay; Macrame, Sugar Craft and Silk Painting. WI Officers also attended the Treasurers and Officers Workshops that were organised by the Membership subcommittee and which were well attended.

Several WIs received grants from sources including Community councils and Community Wind Farms to fund speakers, hall hire and Equipment e.g. for Bowls group. Darland Divas WI received money to renovate the WI Gate at their meeting.

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!

The Federation Officers attended meetings of National Council, all held online, during the year. Clwyd Denbigh was one of the north Wales Federations that organised the Not in My Name, White Ribbon event to eliminate violence against women event that was held in Llandudno in November. The first event to be held in north Wales.

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 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 is also Federation Secretary for Clwyd Flint as well as Clwyd Denbigh. As Federation Chairman, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees s for all their hard work and commitment keeping the Federation running smoothly.

We are still receiving a lot of new enquiries from women wanting to join the WI. More than half of our WIs have seen significant increases to their membership this past year. WIs are constantly promoting what they do by taking part in all the above initiatives, showing the public what the WI is about and reminding them how much difference joining the WI can have in our local communities.

We look forward to welcoming lots more new members in the future.

Dioch yn fawr iawn.

**Clwyd Denbigh Federation of Women's Institutes Ffederasiwn Sefydliadau  
Merched Clwyd Dinbych**

**Income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Affiliation Fees	11,803.89	10,500.86	22,304.75
Pooling of Fares	608.00		
& Insurance	600.00		
NFWI AM	4,521.00		
Federation of Wales			
Recruitment Award	250.00		
Suspended WI Funds	770.43		
Federation Meetings		2,907.40	
Sub Committees			
Archives		00.00	
Art & Craft		455.00	
Hamdden		433.00	
Home & Garden		653.46	
IPA		00.00	
Membership		220.00	
Denbigh & Flint	36.00	400.00	
Clwb Clwyd		816.50	
Adverts, Room Hire & Newsletters		45.00	
Stationery & Postage		151.70	
Fundraising & Donations		569.00	
NFWI Raffle & Refunds	158.10	339.08	
Bank Interest		298.20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,747.42</b>	<b>17,789.20</b>	<b>36,536.62</b>

## Expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
NFWI Affiliation Fees	11,713.82		
Pooling of Fares	608.00		
National Meetings	5,327.30		
Federation of Wales	00.00		
Tree Project	230.12		
White Ribbon Event	75.00		
<b>Federation</b>			
Federation Meetings		2,310.60	
ACWW		37.00	
Royal Welsh Show		13.50	
BOT Travel Costs		675.00	
Refunds	158.10		
Bank Charges	101.20		
<b>Sub Committees</b>			
Archives		00.00	
Art & Craft		370.00	
Hamdden		00.00	
Home & Garden		287.82	
IPA		00.00	
Membership		240.00	
Denbigh & Flint	30.00	400.00	
Travel Costs		573.50	

**WI House & Office**

Office Wages	5,599.89
Photocopier	582.01
Postage	36.25
Utilities	2,222.26
Phone & Internet	549.88
Computer	159.12
Stationery & Office Supplies	174.85
Professional Fees	298.40
Insurance	836.37
Maintenance	352.90

500 Club	505.00
Fundraising	181.72

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,243.54</b>	<b>16,406.07</b>	<b>34,649.61</b>
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**Merched Clwyd Dinbych Registered Charity 227599**

**Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	
Federation related	158.10	16,922.00	
Sub committees	36.00		
Fundraising & Donations		569.00	
Bank Interest		298.20	
NFWI Affiliation Fees	11,803.89		
Pooling of Fares & Insurance	1,208.00		
Federation of Wales	250.00		
NFWI Annual Meeting	4,521.00		
Suspended WIs	770.43		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,747.42</b>	<b>17,789.20</b>	<b>36,536.62</b>

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	
Federation Related	259.30	3,609.60	
Sub committees		1,297.82	
Fundraising inc. 500 Club		687.72	
WI House & Office Costs		10,810.93	
NFWI Affiliation Fees, Meetings, etc	17,679.12		
Federation of Wales	00.00		
Tree Project	230.12		
White Ribbon Event	75.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,243.54</b>	<b>16,406.07</b>	<b>34,649.61</b>

Excess Income over Expenditure      £1,887.01

**Opening Bank**

Current	4,906.65
Money Manager	8,982.32
Bond	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,888.97</b>

Income	36,536.62
Expenditure	34,649.61
	<b>20,775.98</b>

**Closing Bank**

Current	6,349.03
Money Manager	9,426.95
Bond	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,775.98</b>

**N.B.** Restricted funds in the above Closing Bank amount to **£9,096.75**

I have examined the books, papers and other documents presented to me for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and confirm that the above account reflects a true and fair view of the transactions undertaken.

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**Assets**

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