

# THE BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 512044

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1981-11-24

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL TRIPS AND HOLIDAYS DESIGNED TO SUPPLEMENT AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS ATTENDING COLTON HILLS SCHOOL. FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE DEED.

**Activities:** The Charity maintains Gelliwig, a residential centre in Porthmadog, Gwynedd for use by groups of young people from Colton Hills School, Wolverhampton in particular, but a wider area in general. The property is available for hire by bona fide groups catering for young people.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- Gwynedd
- Wolverhampton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,718	£18,807	-	-
2024-03-31	£44,794	£22,677	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,462	£42,318	-	-
2022-03-31	£43,775	£36,696	-	-
2021-03-31	£19,129	£12,817	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Morris		2017-06-12
DILYS WILLIAMS		
DUANE WILLIAMS		2014-11-26
DUKE ST CLAIRE JACKSON		2012-01-30
Hannah Willetts		2022-11-01
JANE MARGARET STRINGER		
KEITH BERRY		
Lucy Elizabeth Heeley		2022-11-01
MR JEET KUMAR		
PAULA MARY DAVIES		2014-11-26
Peter Ian Thacker		2024-10-11
Rakesh Kumar Kapoor		2024-10-11
Tamika Grundy		2022-11-01
WILLIAM GERALD O'HARA		2014-09-24

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# Accounts

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**BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rental income from property	14,432	9,752
Gift Aid	1,543	
Fundraising	-	1,356
Covenant deeds	-	750
Bank interest received	90	136
Donations	18,653	32,800
	<b>34,718</b>	<b>44,794</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Property Maintenance/repairs	2,857	82
Property services	5,845	5,149
Telephone		448
Insurance	3,679	3,631
Caretaking costs	2,838	2,700
Refurbishment costs		9,940
Professional fees	-	675
Sundries	3,588	52
	<b>18,807</b>	<b>22,677</b>
<b>SURPLUS /(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>15,911</b>	<b>22,117</b>

# Birch Thompson Memorial Fund

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025		2024
	£	£		£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Land & Buildings - Gelliwig	300,000		300,000	
Additions	154,844		149,710	
		454,844		449,710
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Vat reclaim	137		234	
Other Debtors			903	
		137		1,137
<b>Cash at Bank</b>				
Current Account	5,000		5,000	
30 Day reserve	9,865		3,296	
		14,865		8,296
<b>Current Liability</b>				
Deferred Income			2,708	
Loan	8,500		11,000	
		8,500		13,708
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		461,346		445,435
Reserves brought forward		248,935		226,818
Revaluation		196,500		196,500
Surplus income		15,911		22,117
		461,346		445,435

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# Birch Thompson Memorial Fund

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2025.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

My responsibility is to carry out an independent examination of the accounts in accordance with section 43(3)(a) of the Charities Act 1993 and to comply with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b).

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. 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 items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

- a) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act: and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts, to be reached

Signed



Gurthian S Ghotra ACA, CTA, ADIT.

Date: 25/01/2026

**THE BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND**

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			Period end date		
	1st	April	2023	31st	March	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 512044

**Charity's principal address** 80 York Avenue  
Wolverhampton  
Postcode WV3 9BU

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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5	Dilys Williams			BTMF Trustees
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## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Management		
Management	Richard Skirrow	
Design and Build	Mark Twynam	

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed sealed on 1 <sup>st</sup> October 1981, Scheme Sealed on 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2002 RefN72(S)/ 02 Case No: 202156
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by continuing Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity operates under a Declaration of Trust dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 1981 and a scheme to provide a power of amendment which was sealed by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2002. The scheme included the regulations for appointment of trustees. Clause 9(b) of the Constitution was amended to read "There shall be a quorum when five of the Trustees are present at any meeting."

The Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when interpreting the original Trust Deed and its continuing objectives.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- The provision of educational trips and holidays designed to supplement and advance the education of pupils attending Colton Hills School.
- To acquire and convert property to provide hostel accommodation.
- To equip, maintain, repair, insure, reconstruct and generally to keep up to the required standard Gelliwig, the premises acquired by the Charity in 1985.
- To make grants to pupils

- To do all such other things as the Trustees in their absolute discretion think fit with three provisions cited in the original deed.
- To obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, legacies, grants and any lawful method.

- Year 7 from Colton Hills School students were taken on 4 residentials in June 2023
- Other groups including the Royal School, three groups of Sanctuary Seekers , Wolverhampton Vocational Training Centre, all from Wolverhampton and South Cheshire Climbing Club stayed at Gelliwig.in the year. Community groups such as Paul Tucker’s Swimming for Charity agreed and interpreted by the Trustees stayed at Gelliwig.
- Several private groups used Gelliwig which was a source of income for the Charity and in keeping with the wider community vision of the parent school. This practice was endorsed by correspondence with the Charity Commission in May 1999 and the key sentence was “There is no problem in allowing other pupils to use the facilities at the current rate providing the beneficiaries do no lose out as a result”.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Trustees, all volunteers not only attended for 10 formal meetings during the year but went on working weekends but five of them also led groups to stay at Gelliwig..

The Charity is utterly dependent on volunteer group leaders who go beyond their normal job schedules to take 24/7 responsibility for the whole group and manage our self- catering Centre.

In addition seven Trustees accompanied groups to Gelliwig for residential.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

- Lettings at Gelliwig. Increased usage by the prime beneficiary Colton Hills School
- Involvement of more volunteers on working parties
- Preparation for the provision of synthetic turf at the rear of Gelliwig
- Generous donations from individuals and Charities , essential support of Colton Hills School and Right Track.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Work done at Gelliwig was increasingly managed by Andrew Morris who liaised with our Warden Joe Gaffey on many occasions. He negotiated work on the roofing including the provision of a seagull deterrent.

Ground maintenance was done with working parties from Right Track and Trustees.

A brand new fire escape was agreed to be constructed by Oakworth under the guidance of former student Mark Twynam, MD of Benchmark Design. This was paid for in the current financial year to be installed at a later date. Andrew Morris and his team laid the foundation concrete pad to exact specifications provided.

The link with the Wolverhampton Society of Friends(Quakers) and the Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary (Charity Number 1176101) has continued and resulted in three group holidays in August for Sanctuary Seekers in the Wolverhampton Area with volunteer leaders/Minibus Drivers from all three Charities.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> event for the Charity with Todd Miller and the Joe Loss Orchestra took place, managed by Colton Hills and a 44<sup>th</sup> event in November 2024 was agreed.

A post Jools Holland and his Orchestra concert collection at the Grand Theatre initiated by Patron and former student Dave Swift took place in July. Dave has been the bassist to the Orchestra for over three decades and is one of the UK's highest profile bass Players.

The web-site was greatly improved by the efforts of Tammy Foo and Trustees Hannah, Lucy, Gerald and Jeet throughout the year.

Planning for a "Steps up Snowdon" event to motivate Trustees to get fit and raise funds for the Charity were explored with a view to take place in the future.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity has increased its policy of retaining £5,000 in reserves to £10,000.  
This has .

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

At the year end the Charity secured interest free loans to the value of £11,000 to enable it to carry out landscaping work deemed essential by them to create an improved area surrounding the building. Land at the rear of the property will come into use once funding has been acquired.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The three main sources of funding during the year were as follows

Donations	£32,800
Rental	£9752
Interest free loans	£11,000

The Donations include significant amounts from Tettenhall Rotary Club, Mr J and Dr M Samra, our local Councillor Sally Green,

A Special mention goes to Colton Hills Teacher Amardeep Malhi who raised over £1,000 by completing the Everest Base Camp Trek.

The Interest free loans enabled the Charity to proceed with Landscaping work agreed by the Trustees in consultation with Mark Twynam. Steve Barclay, Trustee Andy Morris and David McDougal of McCardle Sport Tec.

Once again the Charity is greatly indebted to our Treasurer Paula Davies for her meticulous attention to detail of all the activities of the Charity in addition to her consistent book-keeping.

The contributions from Karen Fletcher and Michael Denley in the production and examination of the of the Annual Accounts was again a most valuable effort for the Charity.

## Section F Other optional information

During the Year Peter Thacker and Rakesh Kapoor had given voluntary help to the Charity on Working Party or Fund-raising and were to be asked to serve as Trustees in the future.

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Keith Berry</i>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Keith Berry	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	29 January 2025	

# BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

<b>2023</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2024</b>
7016	Rental income from property	9752
31	Fundraising	1356
590	Covenant deeds	750
26	Bank interest received	136
23799	Donations	32800
<b>31462</b>		<b>44794</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
198	Property Maintenance/repairs	82
3115	Property services	5149
401	Telephone	448
3055	Insurance	3631
2130	Caretaking costs	2700
1237	Equipment/furnishings	0
28872	Refurbishment costs	9940
0	Professional fees	675
3220	Hire of equipment	0
90	Sundries	52
<b>42318</b>		<b>22677</b>
<b>-10856</b>	<b>SURPLUS (2023:DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>22117</b>

**BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31ST MARCH 2024**

31/03/2023		31/03/2024
	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	
300000	Freehold land and buildings	300000
<u>133841</u>	Additions - Gelliwig Development Project	<u>149710</u>
<b>433841</b>		<b>449710</b>
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
0	VAT reclaim	234
<u>789</u>	Other debtors	<u>903</u>
<b>789</b>		<b>1137</b>
5000	Cash at Bank	5000
0	Current Account	0
<u>10900</u>	Lloyds Bond	0
	30 day Business Account	<u>3296</u>
<b>15900</b>		<b>8296</b>
	<b>LESS : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
12260	Deferred income	2708
452	VAT liability	0
<u>14500</u>	Interest Free Loans	<u>11000</u>
<b>27212</b>		<b>13708</b>
<b><u>423318</u></b>	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>445435</u></b>
	<b>Represented by:</b>	
237674	<b>SURPLUS - brought forward</b>	226818
196500	<b>Revaluation reserve</b>	196500
-10856	<b>Surplus (2023;deficit) for the year</b>	22117
<b><u>423318</u></b>	<b>NET WORTH - carried forward</b>	<b><u>445435</u></b>

The freehold Land & Buildings were revalued on 14th February 2008 by Tom Parry & Co. Ltd.,  
Surveyors and Estate Agents, based in Porthmadog, Gwynedd.

Signed

*K. Berry*  
K Berry MBE, JP Chair

*29 January 2025*

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  - to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners  
(under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
  - to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

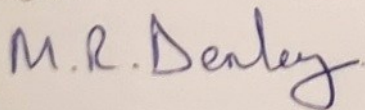
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Michael R Denley FCCA

29th JANUARY 2025

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# Accounts

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- Volunteer Working Parties , together with professional tradespeople did work to prepare for the resumption of residential trips..
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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

- Resumption of Lettings at Gelliwig
- Involvement of new Trustees
- Levelling of land at rear of Gelliwig
- Generous donations from individuals and Charitieessential support of Colton Hills School and Right Track

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Undoubtedly the main achievement of the past year was to complete the huge refurbishment work done at Gelliwig . This had started with the removal of a large century old chimney and the metre wide wall on two floors below it. This created two larger first floor bedrooms and a far more functional lounge/dining area on the ground floor .

Two new boilers, replacement plumbing , new more efficient radiators produced a heating system that is controlled remotely.

New showers and toilets, including a Closomat Palma Vita wash and dry facility for wheelchair users, were installed. New internal walls were created and almost all flooring completely new...

Gelliwig was redecorated both internally and externally before opening up again for groups to stay there in June 2022..

The contributions of Mark Twynam co-ordinating local tradesmen on our behalf and Andy Morris guiding the Rightrack Team and liaising with Gerlad O Hara about furniture and fittings produced a vastly improved facility for user groups, resulting in increased bookings..

The Wernick building, donated by Wernick events through the initiative of Jonathan Wernick the CEO of Wernick Group Ltd was delivered in May 2022 . It now houses two washing machines, two tumble dryers, Ironing equipment, toiletries, cleaning products, Duvets , pillows and is a valuable asset.

The Container that stored items during Covid has also been sited alongside the Centre and it stores canoes, land yachts, buckets and spades and other available items.

Todd Miller celebrated 50 years with the Joe Loss Orchestra and Colton Hills managed this for the 42<sup>nd</sup> event for the Charity. Todd has been the leader for all but two or three of these since he took over the mantle from the founder Joe Loss OBE.

The link with the Wolverhampton Society of Friends(Quakers) and the Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary (Charity Number 1176101) was renewed post COVID resulted in three group holidays in August for Sanctuary Seekers in the Wolverhampton Area with volunteer leaders/Minibus Drivers from all three Charities.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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This will be reviewed again in the next financial year.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

At the year end the Charity secured interest free loans to the value of £11,000 to enable it to carry out landscaping work deemed essential by them to create an improved area surrounding the building. Land at the rear of the property will come into use once funding has been acquired.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The three main sources of funding during the year were as follows

Donations	£23,799
Rental	£7016
Interest free loans	£14,500

The Donations include significant amounts from the Baron Davenport Trust, the Geeta and Sodhi Memorial, Kids Adventurous Activities, Mr J and Dr M Samra, Councillors Paul Birch and Jasbir Dehar, W. Gough Ltd. and Wolves Former Players Association.

The Rental figure included a £12000 advanced payment including VAT by the Wolves Foundation for future trips.

The Interest free loans enabled the Charity to proceed with Landscaping work agreed by the Trustees in consultation with Mark Twynam .  
The deficit at the Year End was a result of the decision by the Trustees to fit a brand new fire escape staircase.

## Section F

## Other optional information

Christine Allcock who was appointed as a Trustee in October 2002 resigned in May. Christine gave outstanding service by her care for students when she initiated the annual trip for those with physical disabilities including wheelchair users with life-limiting conditions. Her commitment and dedication saw her driving minibuses with groups other than those from Colton Hills in a voluntary capacity. She was an ever present on voluntary working weekends cleaning and tidying at Gelliwig and was chosen to receive the Queens Award for Voluntary Service on behalf of the Charity.  
We wish her well and are grateful beyond words can express.

During the year the Trustees appointed Lucy Heeley, Hannah Willetts and Tamika Grundy all of whom have led groups to Gelliwig and made their contribution to our fund-raising ventures.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		

Date

**BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND****BALANCE SHEET****31ST MARCH 2023**

31/03/2022		31/03/2023
	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	
300000	Freehold land and buildings	300000
<u>119238</u>	Additions - Gelliwig Development Project	<u>133841</u>
<b>419238</b>		<b>433841</b>
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
2474	VAT reclaim	0
<u>199</u>	Other debtors	<u>789</u>
<b>2673</b>		<b>789</b>
160	Cash at Bank	5000
0	Current Account	0
<u>12103</u>	Lloyds Bond	0
	30 day Business Account	<u>10900</u>
<b>12263</b>		<b>15900</b>
	<b>LESS : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
0	Deferred income	12260
0	VAT liability	452
<u>0</u>	Interest Free Loans	<u>14500</u>
<b>0</b>		<b>27212</b>
<b><u>434174</u></b>	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>423318</u></b>
	<b>Represented by:</b>	
230595	<b>SURPLUS - brought forward</b>	237674
196500	<b>Revaluation reserve</b>	196500
7079	<b>Deficit (2022;surplus) for the year</b>	-10856
<b><u>434174</u></b>	<b>NET WORTH - carried forward</b>	<b><u>423318</u></b>

The freehold Land & Buildings were revalued on 14th February 2008 by Tom Parry & Co. Ltd.,  
Surveyors and Estate Agents, based in Porthmadog, Gwynedd.

**Signed**

K Berry MBE, JP Chair

# Birch Thompson Memorial Fund

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31st March 2023.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act):
  - to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners  
(under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

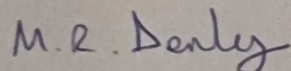
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

- a) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act: and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts, to be reached

Signed



Michael R Denley FCCA

Date 30 January 2024

**THE BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND**

England & Wales - Charity number 512044

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# Accounts

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**GELLIWIG,  
Our residential  
Centre at  
Porthmadog**

**Opened on 11 November 1989**



**Charity Commission Registered Address: - 80 York Avenue. Wolverhampton. WV3 9BU**

**Telephone - 01902655962**

## **BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND**

### **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

#### **Year ending 31 March 2022**

The Trustees met on thirteen occasions in zoom meetings because of COVID 19 constraints. Similarly the three sub – groups created in July, Gelliwig Management, Finance and Lettings, Marketing and Fund-raising all held meetings using zoom technology. Reports from these groups were presented to Trustee meetings during the year.

For the second year running it has been impossible to fulfil the public benefit requirement of the Charity because of COVID constraints and the refurbishment work has taken much longer than anticipated . It was not complete at the end of the financial Year.

The Trustees are determined to address these issues and are confident that they will once again be able to deliver public benefit specifically to the students of Colton hills School and generally to the wider community groups looking for an accessible, affordable residential facility. Groups of Refugees and Asylum Seekers as well as Special Schools are eager to return.

#### **Trustees**

It was with sadness that we received the resignation of Nita Patel for personal reasons. Nita had contributed so much in her short time as a Trustee and we respect her decision.

Tamika Grundy was approached to become a Trustee but was unable to commit at the time of asking.

#### **Gelliwig**

At the start of the year Mark Twynam continued to manage the project on our behalf. He liaised with Alan Jones, the Builder, Rodney Morgan , the plumber, Paul Filby, the electrician and Carwyn Rowlands, the decorator as the three main traders. Mark regarded Alan as the co-ordinator on our behalf.

The work around the upgrading of Gelliwig continued, with Andy Morris and his Team at Right Track monitoring the development and

It was agreed to replace both the boilers and this would remove the necessity of a cold water tank in the loft as well as giving greater efficiency.

Work on the kitchen was done by Caterlink under the direction of Tony Shepherd.

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**Secretary:** J. Kumar B.Sc,

**Treasurer:** P. Davies.

**Chair:** K. Berry: MBE, JP, MA, B Sc. BA

**Website:** [www.gelliwig.org.uk](http://www.gelliwig.org.uk)

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<http://www.facebook.com/BirchThompsonMemorialFund>



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REGISTERED CHARITY No. 512044

Visits to view Gelliwig were undertaken by local Mencap representatives, the Wolves Foundation and Mencap with Andy Morris and Mark Twynam in attendance on both occasions.

One unforeseen problem was the water flowing down from a spring in the land at the side of the house. This was addressed by the laying of a new drain and collecting tank.

## **General**

A Lettings Policy was drawn up by Paula Davies and the Finance and Lettings sub-group. Charges were agreed for the different user groups and numbers in group.

Initial work on the upgrading of the web-site was done by Jackie Sherlock but work was delayed when Jackie left the staff of Colton Hills

Mark produced drawings of properties that could possibly be built at the rear of Gelliwig that would generate income for phase 2. The Trustees agreed in principle to this development but the phase 1 work took priority during the year.

Rob Morrison presented a feasible Business Plan to the Trustees and explored funding possibilities including loans from Charity Banks. The offers of loans were not within the reach of the Charity and this slowed progress down.

Our 41<sup>st</sup> event with Todd Miller and the Joe Loss Orchestra at Wombourne Civic Centre on Friday 19 November 2022. It was organised through Colton Hills School liaising with Dianne McGarry and Bob Cheetham. A buffet meal was provided by Jenny's Kitchen and it was considered to be a most successful evening with almost £2,090 raised by the School.

## **Finance and Funding**

The Treasurer presented data at meetings of the amount of money spent on the Gelliwig Development Project and it became clear that we were going to have to exceed the budget in order to address the cost of the decisions taken by the Trustees to improve the quality of the Phase 1 provision such as the replacement of showers, kitchen improvements and new floors.

September the Charity Walk for Peace in memory of those who had died of COVID took place at the National Memorial Arboretum and we remembered Geeta Devi Kalsi, sister of our Secretary Jeet and a great supporter of this Charity. Over £10,000 has been received in donations since this was launched.

The Trustees were represented by Deputy Chair Chris Allcock and Secretary Jeet Kumar at the Regional Presentation of the Queen's Award For Voluntary Service held at the Birmingham Hippodrome in October. They were seen on Midlands Today with the Award being presented by Her Majesty the Queen's Lord – Lieutenant of the West Midlands Mr John Crabtree OBE.

Through the negotiations by Andy Morris the Charity benefited greatly when the Charity KAA disbanded. A yacht, canoes and other equipment were donated to the BTMF in addition to £5000 to sponsor students from Special Schools as well as a £10,000 donation to our own funds at a critical time.

Rightrack also took bedding and furniture acquired at different times during the year. Through the approach from Mark Twynam and the Chairman a Cabin was donated by Wernick events through the initiative of Jonathan Wernick the CEO of Wernick Group Ltd. Jonathan's Uncle, the late Joe Wernick was a Patron of the Charity in 1981.

The Marketing and Fund-raising sub-group had several zoom meetings with wide-ranging discussions covering topics such as COVID compliance,, web-site communication, Insurance, outside catering, external providers of activities, marketing and advertising, land development at the rear of the property and mission

and values documents. All of these were shared with Trustees and acted upon as far as the Charity was able to notwithstanding the major task of completing the refurbishment.

Although several applications for funding met with negative responses over £40,000 was received during the year in grants and donations.

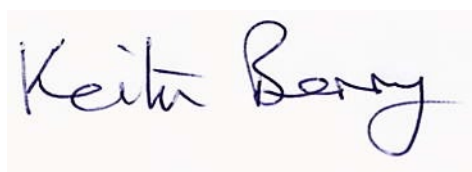
The contribution of Mark Twynam, former Colton Hills student and Managing Director of BenchMark Design, who as a volunteer has managed the huge refurbishment ,has been one more greatly appreciated by the Trustees.

The Trust is greatly indebted to Paula Davies, Karen Fletcher and Michael Denley for their voluntary work in the keeping, preparation and auditing of accounts for the year.

The services of Joe Gaffey continue to benefit the Charity. With his daily check and his liaison work with the people working at Gelliwig we have been very fortunate.

At the financial year end there was a balance of £ 12,263 with some spent on Phase 1 of the Gelliwig Development Project added to the fixed assets.

I am extremely indebted to my colleagues and friends who serve as Trustees for their commitment and loyal support without which this voluntary Charity would not be able to function. They have been the bedrock justly recognised in Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Berry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'y' at the end.

Keith Berry

Chair

17 September 2022

# BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

2021	INCOME	2022
0	Rental income from property	0
0	Fundraising	24
0	Joe Loss Dance - fundraising	320
263	Covenant deeds	188
23	Bank interest received	3
8843	Donations	43240
10000	Covid support grant	0
<b>19129</b>		<b>43775</b>
	EXPENDITURE	
154	Property Maintenance/repairs	70
1085	Property services	1892
494	Telephone	568
3186	Insurance	1593
1440	Caretaking costs	1440
0	Costs re Joe Loss Dance - fundraising	0
0	Refurbishment costs	29331
705	Professional fees	-92
5753	Hire of equipment	1364
0	Sundries	530
<b>12817</b>		<b>36696</b>
<b>6312</b>	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<b>7079</b>

**BIRCH THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31ST MARCH 2022**

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<b>362058</b>		<b>419238</b>
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
2045	VAT reclaim	2474
<u>817</u>	Other debtors	<u>199</u>
<b>2862</b>		<b>2673</b>
160	Cash at Bank	160
0	Current Account	0
<u>62015</u>	Lloyds Bond	0
	30 day Business Account	<u>12103</u>
<b>62175</b>		<b>12263</b>
	<b>LESS : CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
0	Deferred income	0
<u>0</u>	Other creditors	<u>0</u>
<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b><u>427095</u></b>	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>434174</u></b>
	<b>Represented by:</b>	
224283	<b>SURPLUS - brought forward</b>	230595
196500	<b>Revaluation reserve</b>	196500
6312	<b>Surplus for the year</b>	7079
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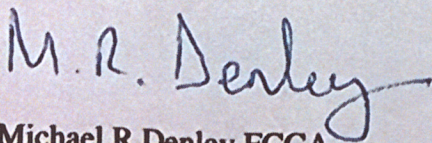
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Michael R Denley FCCA

Date 28 JANUARY 2023