

**Association of Friends of Clyro school
Church in Wales Primary School
Clyro
Hereford
HR3 5LE
Charity Reg No 1009863**

Annual Report - September 2023 to August 2024

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1. Overview of the Charity

This charity runs as a Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) to support Clyro Church in Wales primary school.

The school is a Rural school close to Hay on Wye with 3 classes and 74 Children attending the school as at July 2024.

In 2022 the school lost the equivalent of one class teacher because of budgetary constraints. Actions from parents led to fundraising to fight this action. This resulted in increased funds into our account.

At the commencement of the school year September 2023, the board of trustees changed to a new group of parents. The charity constitution was updated on 29th August 2023.

2. Trustee/ Board Information

The charity trustee of the CIO are-

Louise Davies
Alex Chichton- Stuart
Helen Simms
Edith Farnworth
Pete Webster

Board Roles;

Chairperson/s - Edith Farnworth & Pete Webster

Secretary - Jessica Bailey

Treasurer - Helen Simms

The Association of Friends of Clyro school has 17 active members whom are all parents of the school.

3. Objectives of the charity

Our overarching objective is;

To advance the education of the pupils in the School

During 2023/ 4 we set out to achieve the following;

1. Refurbish the school pond into a nature area within the grounds of Clyro Primary School is a fenced off, overgrown area which houses a pond and derelict birdhide. We wanted to fundraise to transform this area, re-establishing the pond and bird-hide and creating a sensory garden with a trail running through it.
2. Build an outdoor nature classroom next to the raised vegetable beds, we want to build a timber-frame outdoor classroom which will be called 'The Garden Laboratory'. Student will learn all about growing food, food science and the biodiversity within the school grounds.
3. Raise funds to support the School with the new welsh Curriculum
4. Raise funds to cover the costs of transport for trips (as previous years)
5. Hold events that bring the local community connecting with the school
6. Hold a Christmas event that is magical and also brings the community together.
7. To act as the management committee for the mighty Oaks Club - After school club that was started in September 2023.

4. Summary of Activities 2023/2024

The Income in this year has come from fundraising activities by the friends of the school and parents participation in the events, and grants for the After school Club and the Nature Projects

Nature Grants

We were awarded a grant from Powys County Council's Nature Partnerships 'Local Places for Nature Grant' to go towards the construction of the Garden Lab. The growing space at the School is to be opened to the public at various events throughout the year, making it a community project. We were also awarded funds to purchase a digital camera for the School so we could document the construction of the build.

Grant £10,494.60

After School Club Grant

We were awarded a grant from the National Lottery 'Community Fund' to help run the Mighty Oaks After School Club. The grant covered staffing costs, venue hire, equipment purchases, healthy snacks and instructor fees, all of which contributed to the subsidisation of the club, making it more affordable and accessible.

Grant - £19,999 over 2 years

Fundraising Activities

The following activities were undertaken to raise money;

Bingo Evening -	£510.65
Co-op bag pack -	£292.00
Beetle Drive	- £89.30
Xmas Fayre	- £1043.03
Refreshments	- £145.83
Garden Party	£246.12
Sports day	£361.62
Plant sale	£23.90
Lottery	£659.60
Hay fayre	£65.90

Total Fundraising £3437.95

Donations

Black lions	£500
Anonymous	£250
Cheese Market	£300
Paypal just giving	£91.92

Total Donations £ 1141.92

5. Summary of Achievements

The parents have worked hard to put on more events this year than any year previously. The enthusiasm and skills of those individuals involved has meant we have seen an improvement in the grounds, involving the children too, improving their outdoor space. It is noticeable that our success is because of a wide ranging and diverse set of skills held by those involved, from gardening, arts, experience of grants, admin and willingness for involvement with the school.

After school club

The grant for the After School Club has been crucial to it being financially viable for parents. The club is open to primary-school aged children from Clyro and the surrounding villages and towns.

This has proved very popular with 1,352 places filled across all sessions between April 2023 and March 2024, averaging 35 places filled per week. Sessions have been subsidised from a running cost of around £10 per place per session, to £5.50, making it much more affordable to families. The club has also been crucial for attracting parents to the school from the local community with diminishing numbers in previous years we are now seeing an increase in families choosing the school.

Nature space

Work has begun in earnest in the Pond Area of the School, with volunteers from Radnor Wildlife Trust coming into school and working with children to clear the pond of debris and re-establish aquatic pond plants. The bird hide has been restored, and the pond area has been fenced off to be safe. Hedging has been laid in the sensory garden and specimen trees planted.

The construction of the timber-frame garden lab is complete. Four new raised beds have been installed, as well as a greenhouse, and the area has been fenced off with chestnut paling, making the entire veggie garden rabbit-proof. Wildflower corridors have been created within the grounds of the school and new habitat boxes for birds, bugs and hedgehogs put in place. Furniture was purchased for the garden lab and the children have started using the outdoor classroom. Lots of community events were held at the school with the garden space being open and used. A local gardening club came in to work with the children.

Events

One of the school's objectives was to work closer with the community, promoting the school and connecting the children with them. To get the local community to spend money at school events means the fund is not just supported by the parents.

The Christmas fayre was run this year in the Baskerville Hall hotel, selling tickets to the local community. This was a massive success not just financially but was a talking point for many months afterwards. The Nature events have also connected us to the Clyro Gardening club.

School Fund

This was the first year that the friends had agreed to give the School a lump sum of £3000 at the beginning of the year. This was allocated to each class and used to subsidize school transport for trips such as the Christmas outing.

The money has been used to buy equipment, such as art supplies, science equipment and sundry items to support topics/ themes of learning. The new Welsh Curriculum now allows teachers to be more creative with how they teach and integrate subjects which often require specific tools and equipment that the school budget has no allowance for. The money has also allowed the school to pay for specialists to come in and run workshops and events.

6. Financial review

The income for this year - £45247.02

Expenditure - £29900.73

A financial examiners report was completed by a Local Accountant David M Jones & Partners, Brooklands, Hay on Wye. HR3 5AP.

The documents attached to this report are;

1. Receipts & Payments accounts
2. Independent Examiners Report
3. 3 bank account statements for the year end
4. Cash summary sheet

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

9/1/23

To

Period end date

8/31/24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
School Lottery & general fundraising	4,707	-	-	4,707	-
Mighty Oaks Income	8,012	-	-	8,012	-
Powys CC Nature Grant	- 0	10,494	-	10,494	-
Lottery grant- Mighty Oaks	- 0	19,999	-	19,999	-
Bank Interest	78	-	-	78	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	12,797	30,493	-	43,290	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	12,797	30,493	- 0	43,290	- 0
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses	934	-	-	934	-
School Funding	3,399	-	-	3,399	-
Afterschool club- wages	- 0	11,916	-	11,916	-
Afterschool club- expenses	- 0	3,732	-	3,732	-
Pond Project expenses	- 0	7,919	-	7,919	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,333	23,568	-	27,901	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	4,333	23,568	- 0	27,901	- 0
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,464	6,925	-	15,390	-
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,244	-	-	9,244	-
Cash funds this year end	17,708	6,925	-	24,633	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest 1634	15,245	6,925	-
	Natwest 2401	2,349		
	Natwest 1774	35	-	-
	Cash in hand	79	-	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Association of Friends of Clyro School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 st August 2024	Charity no (if any)	1009863
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Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: A. Biggs

Date: 05/06/25

Name: AMYE BIGGS

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).