

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS & ANNUAL REPORT **OF THE PENSYCHNANT FOUNDATION**

Registered Charity Number 1019184

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

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Declaration.

The annual report and account set out herein for the financial year ending 28th February 2024 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date is believed to be an accurate and fair representation of the transactions of the Pensychnant Foundation and are as approved by the Trustees.

These accounts and report are in exact concordance with the accounts submitted to the Charity Commission online, December 2024

Signed by the Trustees:

Timothy Stott

Mark Sheridan

Ian Jones

Marc Hughes

Barbara Winrow

Accounting Method

These accounts are prepared on the "receipts and payments" basis in accordance with the Charities Act (1993) and as prescribed in "Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2000) (Charity Commissioners 2000). Noting that SORP 2005 is inapplicable to the Receipts and Payments Accounts prepared by charities which fall below the statutory audit threshold (currently £250,000 turnover), these accounts and report are based on Pro-forma Accounts and Reports packs supplied by Charity Commission (Dec. 2005).

It is not always feasible to perfectly sub-divide all receipts and payments into discreet categories (in particular, wardening may be attributable to conservation projects or other objects of the Foundation or to administration or to fundraising etc.). Hence each receipt or payment has been allocated to the category where the majority of activity occurred. The so-called 'Trading Account' includes many transactions which are not trading *per se*.

Preparation of Accounts

These accounts and annual report were prepared on behalf of the Trustees by Julian Thompson (warden)

Signed by the warden:

Julian Thompson

Independent Examination of Accounts

These accounts have been independently assessed by Kay Winstone (retired business manager) in accordance with section 43 of the Charities Act (1993). Her report is appended.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENSYCHNANT FOUNDATION 2023/2024

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Main Charity Name: The Pensychnant Foundation

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The Pensychnant Foundation is known in Welsh as "Y Sefydliad Pensychnant" at Y Canolfan Warchod Natur Pensychnant, Bwlch Sychnant, Conwy.

Date of Establishment: December 1989

Registered Charity Number: 1019184 (since 26th March 1993)

Governing Document: Trust Deed (dated & stamped 1st March 1993)

Charitable Objects: For the benefit of wildlife and the public appreciation and understanding of natural history and nature conservation:

I To establish, protect, maintain, and manage appropriate parts of the Pensychnant Estate (and any other land) as a nature reserve for the conservation and management of the wild vegetation and wild creatures living naturally therein.

II To record, study and research places, objects, species and ecosystems of scientific interest or of natural beauty on the Pensychnant Estate and elsewhere.

III To establish, protect, maintain, and manage Pensychnant (and other premises) as a nature conservation centre and in it to organise meetings, lectures, field walks, displays and exhibitions in order to advance the education of the public in the importance of nature conservation and in nature conservation principles and practices.

(Full Trust Deed available from above address)

Trustees: Timothy Gregory Stott (since 1989)
Mark Sheridan (since April 2014)
Ian Keith Jones (since March 2019)
Marc Berw Hughes (since February 2021)
Barbara Winrow (since February 2021)
New Trustees are appointed by unanimous resolution of the existing Trustees. (*Trust Deed*). There is no reason to suspect that any Trustee is ineligible to act as a trustee.

Custodians: Several investments are held in the joint names of two or three Trustees.

Contracted Wardens: Julian P. Thompson & Karen Roberts

Other 'Staff': several committed volunteers.

Main Agents: National Westminster Bank, Conwy.
Hargreaves Lansdown (stockbroker)
Independent Examiner: Kay Winstone (retired business manager)

- Responsibilities of Trustees:** The Trustees have full responsibility to ensure that all actions taken by the charity are in strict accordance with the Objects and Provisions of the Trust Deed. They are required by the Trust Deed and by the Charities Act (1993) to safeguard the assets of the charity, and apply the charity's income solely and with absolute fairness for the purposes set out in the Trust Deed; and to keep proper and consistent accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity (*Responsibilities of Trustees. CC3*).
- Organisation:** 'The Trustees are empowered to appoint... any persons... for the purpose of ... executing the trusts of the Trust Deed... and may delegate .. any of the powers of the Trust Deed provided all decisions taken on delegated powers shall be reported fully and regularly to the Trustees'. (*Trust Deed*).
Two wardens are contracted to manage the Foundation's day-to-day operations under the direction of the Trustees. There were 3⁴ Trustees' Meetings in 2023/24, and Trustees and staff liaised frequently by email and informal meetings.
Only the Trustees are empowered to enter into any contractual or legal agreements, and only they are allowed to operate any bank accounts or arrange custody of moneys, or investments. Cheques must be signed by any two of the Trustees.
- Financial Reserves Policy:** '...the reserve fund should be sufficient to keep Pensychnant solvent in the event of about 2 months without income.' (Currently estimated @ about £5000) (*Draft Financial Review & Financial Policy; January 2001*).
In addition to this: a Special Repair Fund (*sensu* CC19) is invested for restoration and capital improvements to Pensychnant. (currently estimated @ >£100k) and an expendable endowment is held in an investment portfolio for the purpose of generating revenue.
- Investment Powers:** 'The Trustees are empowered to invest all moneys not immediately required for furthering the objects of the Foundation in such a manner and on such securities as may be deemed expedient... provided that moneys subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners shall only be invested in such securities as may for the time being be prescribed by law.' (*Trust Deed*)
- Investment Policy:** The primary purpose of investments is to generate unrestricted expendable income in preference to accrual of capital except where specific capital projects are identified. Investments are chosen with regard to both potential returns and security and the investment portfolio is diversified with this aim. (*Minutes*)
- Risk Management:** Financial and operational risks are minimised by adherence to office and governance procedures. The charity holds public liability and employers liability insurance.
- Grant-making Powers:** The Trustees are empowered to supportother groups conserving wildlife by providing facilities, equipment, personnel, advice or any form of assistance by grants or donations for the conservation management, recording, and study of sites of nature conservation interest. (*Trust Deed*)
- Related Parties:** None of the Trustees have materially benefited from their position as Trustees, nor received any remuneration at all.
Timothy Stott is both Landlord of Pensychnant Estate and Trustee.
Julian Thompson (warden) lives at Pensychnant, for which a full market rent is paid to the Pensychnant Foundation.
- Serious Incidents:** There is no evidence or suspicion of serious incidents during the year (eg. Fraud, suspicious donations or expenditure, links to proscribed organisations, abuse of vulnerable beneficiaries, criminal or regulatory investigations). There is considered to be no requirement for CRB checks of any trustee, staff or volunteer. The charity never works unsupervised with children or vulnerable adults.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

Totals for the year ending 28th February 2023 in ^{superscript}

INCOME

GROSS INCOME

	£CHARITY ACC ^T .	£TRADING ACC ^T .	£ TOTAL	£2022/23
<u>Voluntary Contributions</u>				
"Supporters" Subscriptions	3,784			4,629
Donations	1,589.05	756.19		2,156
Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid & Covenants	2,551.99			0
Legacy	0			0
Grants (Carneddau Project)		0		5,000
	-----	-----	£8,681.23	£11,785
<u>Charitable Activities (in pursuit of Pensychnant's Objects)</u>				
Conservation Lectures and Events	274.57	1,127		1,162
Lectures and other events for other Organisations	425			45
Conservation Centre: Room Lettings	1001.30			994
Sale of logs	0	94.60		80
	-----	-----	£2,922.47	£2,281
<u>Fund-Raising Activities & Sales</u>				
Fund-Raising (Quiz, raffle)	319	845.68		1,256
Fundraising Events (J. Richards, Yoga, workshops...)	65.43	1,843.10		2,699
National Garden Scheme entrance		1,057.90*		
Tea & cakes	-	8,287.50		6,087
Sales: Wildlife Art Exhibition	-	8,899.93		7,515
Commission Sales		1,142		
	-----	-----	£22,460.54	£17,558
<u>Income from Assets</u>				
Rent from flat	4,680			4,560
Room Hire for Non-conservation Events (REC, crafts...)1,440		1,955		2,345
Tea & cake with Room hire		1,560		
Hire of log store, bonfires	0			220
Renewable Heat Incentive	3,778.27			3,952
Interest/dividends from Reserve & Special Repair Fund	1,015.89			927
Interest/ dividends from Mrs Stott's Endowment	2,581.40			2,222
	-----	-----	£17,010.56	£14,227
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Shared Estate Costs	0			0
Lamb!	n/a			305
	-----	-----	£0	£305
GROSS INCOME	£23,505.90	£27,568.90	£51,074.80	£46,158

*detail of restricted Funds is given below

RECEIPTS NOT COUNTING AS GROSS INCOME

Unrealised Investment Income

Increase [decrease] in share values:

Reserve & Special Repair Fund:	HL Legal & General	[333]		[989]
	COIF	271.58		[541]
		-----	[£61.42]	[£1,530]
Mrs. Stott's Endowment	HL Invesco Perpetual Corp.	439		[3,179]
	HL M+G Strategic Cp. Bond	410		[3,633]
	HL Invesco Perpetual Monthly	709		[515]
	HL Royal London Sterling	25		[803]
	Hargreaves Lansdown Cash	10		16
		-----	£1,593	[£8,114]
Total Investment Income			£1,531.58	[9,644]
TOTAL MONETARY INCOME			£52,606.38	£36,514

Donations in Kind

Photocopying & printing (JP Thompson)

Travel expenses. (JP Thompson)

Second-hand goods to equip and furnish Pensychnant or for resale (Many)

Stock for exhibition (Many)

Bird seed from JP Thompson

Teaching time from Wyn Hughes and Jan Miller; Fiona Wilkinson, Sue Taylor,

EXPENDITURE

	£CHARITY ACC ^T	£TRADING ACC ^T	£TOTAL	£2022/23
<u>Direct charitable expenditure</u>				
Conservation of habitats	0			0
Conservation Events & room hire	119.39			135
Interpretative Materials	0			0
Natural History Recording	80.52*			0
	-----	-----	£199.91	£135
<u>Support Costs</u>				
Wardens	20,652	12,667.50		29,942
	----		£33,319.50	£29,942
Pensychnant Estate				
Pensychnant Centre: Maintenance & Development	7,557.79			1,446
Nature Reserve	487.16			30
Access	1,786.96			636
	----	-----	£9,831.91	£2,112
Administration				
Office & Stationery	411.67			126
Telephone & Internet	749.27			708
	-----		£1,160.94	£834
Overheads				
Electric	2,713.56			1,698
Wood pellets	9,630.32			6,353
Boiler service	0			0
Water Test	0			0
Business Rates	0			0
Fire Alarm Test	0			0
Insurance	782.39			762
	----	-----	£13,126.27	£8,814
<u>Other expenditure</u>				
Promotion, Publicity, Membership				
Supporters mailings /posters for events	903			1,022
Advertising	0			0
Website	0			0
	----	-----	£903	£1,022
Fund-raising & Sales				
Trading: Stock for exhibition & outsales	-	1,545		840
CoS Stock	-	1,575.34		
Tea & Cake; catering supplies	-	3,236.05		2,016
Exhibition support costs	-	3,041.35		151
Fund-raising events	1073.70			897
SumUp fees (receipts received net of fees)	-	155.95		116
	-----	-----	£10,627.39	£4,023
Income from Assets				
Room lettings for non-conservation events	0			0
Flat	0			0
Lamb (paid to TGStott Farm)	n/a			305
	-----	-----	0	£305
Miscellaneous				
Overpayment of Gift Aid	1,068			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£48,492.48	£22,221.19	£70,713.67	£47,189

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

Balance as at 28th February 2023 in ^{superscript}

	£UNRESTRICTED	£RESTRICTED	£TOTAL	£2022/23
<u>OPERATIONAL BALANCE</u>				
Current account (Nat West)	13,952.97			38,939
Trading account (Nat West)	34,100.35			28,752
Total cash in bank	----		£48,053.32	£67,692

DETAIL OF RESTRICTED CASH FUNDS

In 2018/19 £150 was donated by Chris Packham as part of his UK ‘Nature Reserves are Not Enough’ Bioblitz. It was agreed that this will be spent on wildlife recording paraphernalia. £80.52 was spent on moth trap bulbs and DNA sampling of Black Poplar. £69.48 is carried over to 2024/25

£10,000 plus £2,500 Gift Aid was donated by June Thompson in 2017/18. It has been agreed that this will be spent on interior decoration and projects which take the charity forward, to be used at the discretion of the warden, Julian Thompson. £11,732.25 was carried over to 2022/23 and remains for 2024/25

£1,057 entrance money (plus online bookings) was collected for National Garden Scheme, and paid to them during the year.

£5,000 was received from Partneriaeth Tir Carneddau (SNPA) in May 2022. This and more has been spent on the project during 2022/23 and 2023/24.

RESERVE & SPECIAL REPAIR FUND

Investment values are based on latest statements / Financial Times (valuation dates shown in parentheses)

COIF Fixed Interest Fund (Feb '24 ^{Feb'23})	6,659.72			6,388
HL Legal & General Dynamic Fund (Jan '24 ^{Jan23})	15,522			15,855
Total	-----		£22,181.72	£22,243

MRS STOTT'S LEGACY (EXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT)

HL Invesco Perpetual Corp. Bond (Jan '23 ^{Jan22})	24,930			24,491
HL M &G Strategic Corp. Bond X (Jan '23 ^{Jan22})	27,993			27,583
HL Invesco Perpetual Monthly Inc. Plus Gross (Jan '23 ^{Jan22})	9,086			8,377
HL Royal London Sterling (Jan '23 ^{Jan22})	9,152			9,127
Hargreaves Lansdown cash accounts (Jan '23 ^{Jan '22})	1,660			1,650
Total	-----		£72,821	£71,228

Total Monetary Assets **£143,056.04** **£161,163**

Balance sheet as of 28th February 2022 continued.....

	£	£	£
<u>CURRENT TANGIBLE ASSETS</u>			
Exhibition stock at approximate cost price (incl. SoR)	2,000		2000
	-----	£2,000	£2000

Exhibition Stock has not been evaluated accurately. Stock levels have not changed markedly since 2014/15 when its replacement value was reassessed to a more realistic sum. Really the exhibition stock is worthless until it is sold! Most is held 'cash-on-sale'

FIXED CAPITAL ASSETS

Depreciation on fixed assets is estimated at 25% p.a. in order to write off each asset over its useful life.

None	£0		0
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Individual items valued at less than £400 are not itemised.

Assets with neither cost nor market value information are listed below. To capitalise these items is considered perfunctory.

Vivian Hewitt taxidermy collection

Furniture and equipment in the Pensychnant Conservation Centre.

Betty Mills exhibition stock (donated October 2001)

Laptop and digital projectors (now of small value)

No assets of material worth have been disposed of during the year.

DEBTORS AT 29TH FEBRUARY 2022

None	-----	£0	£0
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LIABILITIES AT 29TH FEBRUARY 2022

None	0	£0	£0
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TOTAL (VALUED) ASSETS **£145,056.04** £163,163

ANALYSIS AND RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

CASH ASSETS

INCOME - EXPENDITURE = £51,074.80 - £70,713.67 = **£19,638.87 DEFICIT** £1,030 DEFICIT

BANK BALANCE Feb '24 - BANK BALANCE Feb '23
 = £48,053.32 - £67,692.19 = **£19,638.87 DEFICIT** ✓

ALL MONETARY ASSETS

INCOME - EXPENDITURE = £52,606.38 - £70,713.67 = £18,107.29 DEFICIT £10,675 DEFICIT

BALANCE - BALANCE = £143,056.04 - £161,163.33 = £18,107.29 DEFICIT ✓
Feb '23 Feb '22

TOTAL (VALUED) ASSETS

(TOTAL ASSETS - LIABILITIES) - (TOTAL ASSETS - LIABILITIES)
Feb '24 Feb '24 Feb '23 Feb '23

(£145,056.04 - 0) - (£163,163.33 - 0) = £18,107.29 DEFICIT £10,158 DEFICIT

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS: DISCUSSION OF FIGURES

Income

Voluntary Contributions: Supporters

Supporters' contributions have fallen (£3,784 ^{£4,629}), maybe because reminders have not been sent to cash-payers.

Voluntary Contributions: Donations

Donation income was similar to 2022/23, £2,345 ^{£2,156}
 £756 ^{£1,063}, plus £204³⁰⁰ in Piggy, was donated at the tea & cake stall and in the Centre from happy customers. This is an incidental perk of trading. Most is eligible for GASDS.
 £550 was in memory of Pensychnant's Supporter, Fran Ashdown who died during the year.
 £500 was given by Barbara Winrow; and £300 by Angela Gunn.

Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid

Most of the donations and Supporters' subscriptions are eligible for Gift Aid and GASDS, totalling £1,494.99⁰. Due to an administrative error (by Inland Revenue), £1057 was received twice, so had to be refunded.

Charitable Trading: Conservation Events

Following the pattern of some of Pensychnant's fund-raising craft workshops, a few workshops were offered at modest prices (£20 - £35). Honestly, all these experiences and learning are well worth the price but uptake was sometimes slow and less than capacity. Sometimes there were fees for instructors to deduct but for others time and expertise was generously donated to support the charity:

Butterfly ID by Jan Miller	£12 (plus £41.10 received in 2022/23)
Bird ID by Anne Brenchley x2	£525 less £200
Winter Twig ID	£140
Owl Pellets	£160
Diatom Microscopy by Wyn Hughes	£180

It is difficult to make these workshops financially lucrative. They do, of course, fulfil the Objects of the charity.

Other conservation events were offered free with the hope of donations and tea & cake sales. Donations included:

Moth Group (monthly)	£166.51
Bryophyte walk by Philippa Thompson	£85.01
Worship in the Wild with Conwy Bro Celynin	£50.05
'Red Squirrels' by John Harold	£18
'Shaping the Wild' by David Elias	£65
Bluebell & Primrose Walk	£55
Cuckoo Walk	£50
'Little Moth that Lost its Way' by Hayley Griffin	£2.50
Birdy Bioblitz	£31.90
Meadows Day	£32.10
Meadow Survey Day	£7.50
Ashworth's Rustic Weekend	£9
Wild Spaces	£17.50
U3A Dragonfly walk	0
Tragedy of the Commons Walk	£11
Bat Box workshop by Nicky Fish	£3.50

All these conservation events were well appreciated. However income was small; often pitiful in relation to the effort and the quality of experience provided. Making money is not the aim of these events but we do need money! We need to promote donations more.

Charitable Trading: Conservation Events for other organisations

Only two lectures were given to other organisations: 'An English Pastoral in Wales' to Clwyd Ornithological Society (£25), and 'Fferm Pensychnant' to Abergele U3A (£50). Before Covid the warden gave lots of lectures to other groups. Not now!

However new opportunities included a drystone walling training weekend delivered for Snowdonia Society (£200), and a Wellbeing and Yoga session for Dywygyfylchi residents under contract with Conwy Council (£150).

Charitable Trading: Room Hire for Conservation Events by other organisations

Since the advent of Zoom, fewer groups use Pensychnant's facilities on a regular basis. Even the Cambrian Ornithological Society (£28) only meet here 4 times per year now. The Non-flowering Plant Group still meet here in winter months for a donation (£57); North Wales Geologists' Association (£80); and Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (£72.30).

The Carneddau Partnership's annual Chough count has taken to finishing with tea & cake at Pensychnant (£50). Also; the Bat Conservation Trust conference (£89); Conwy Fusion Foraging (£50); Keep Wales Tidy First Aid Course (£100). A buffet was provided (bought in for £165) for Snowdonia National Park Authority Access Forum (£375) in one stressful but lucrative booking.

Fund -Raising

The quiz, organised by Rose Schofield, raised £297^{£340}.

Raffle at Ffair Nadolig raised £845^{£820} for the Baravelli owl Egg which was very generously sponsored by Beehive Coaching and Leadership Development. Administering online raffle ticket sales via Just-Giving was tricky but most ticket sales were in person.

Fund -Raising Events:

Some people have been very generous with their time and skills to raise money for Pensychnant. Sue Taylor's solstice yoga sessions raised £319

Following impromptu singing by Arthur and Sarah in a Spring Fair, a evening concert was arranged by Arthur and Sarah in June, featuring themselves, plus Beth & Owen (Jazz) and the Quayside Buccaneers ukelele band. This event was greatly enjoyed by about 60 visitors, raising £580

£13 was donated at the Christmas Supporters' Elevesens, and £52 donated at Geoff's Christmas yoga session.

£1057 was paid to NGS during the year. All the entrance money at the two Open Garden Days goes to NGS

Wildlife Exhibitions and Sales

There is an element of trading, or the hope of it, in almost every event and activity at Pensychnant, whether this be the sale of a greetings card at a committee meeting, sales of tea and cake to groups or individuals, or the big Christmas Fairs.

Pensychnant House and art exhibition is now open every weekend (and bank holiday) from April till end of September. In summer 2023 Pensychnant hosted a new exhibition by Carys Chester, Michelle Davison and Emma Gibson in the Billiards Room featuring works inspired by Pensychnant and its nature. It was successful. The Centre is also open when other events are on, with maybe 3000+ visitors p.a. Certainly Karen's tea & cake is the alluring factor in Pensychnant's trading success. £9,847.50 worth of refreshments was sold to visitors during the summer – equivalent to about 2000 servings, with several regular customers. Of this, £1,560 was taken as an integral part of craft workshop bookings (and so is accounted for with room hire). So, £8,287.50^{£6087} was taken from casual visitors. This almost equals the total sales of goods in the Exhibition (£8,899.93). Tea & cake brings more people to Pensychnant than the exhibition, and certainly more than the nature reserve. This should be better used as an opportunity to promote nature appreciation and conservation to the general public.

The exhibition, featuring art by Philip Snow, Barbara Winrow, Betty Mills, Rene Davies, and others, with cards and random small goods perhaps looks jaded. It does not attract the interest, or sales, hoped for. Some sales goods do do particularly well: those by Barbara Winrow (£945); donated cards and photographs by OWL (£337); metal dragonflies (£1,075); plants (£510); and donated second hand nature books (£835). However, excluding the six big days (below), day-to-day sales in the house total about £5,724, little more than the pre-Covid total

(£4,642 in 2018/19) despite the increased number of visitors. Sales of artwork, which once were a (relative) mainstay, are now few: (£1,733 = £641 prints + £1091 originals (mostly Carys Chester's)). Because Pensychnant will always have relatively few visitors, it needs a few big sales.

As well as the day-to-day exhibition, Karen has organised special sales day such as the Seed Fair (£161), two Open Garden Days for NGS (£3,248), the Spring Fair (£1,486) and Summer Fair (£1,049), Honey Fair (£275), Ffair Lyfrau (£642), and now two Christmas Fairs (£5,197). The six big days account for 53% of exhibition sales (including commission sales at Ffeirau Nadolig) and 56% of tea & cake (and mulled wine at Christmas). A new venture selling Christmas Trees at the Ffeirau Nadolig was a failure: sales =£585, stock cost £1,220. Not to be repeated !

Other events, such as Meadows Day (£505), Insectaganza (£120 in downpour), the Birdy Bioblitz (£708), Ashworth's Rustic Weekend (£161), Wild Spaces (£270) fulfill the conservation objects of the charity, and increased visitor numbers are reflected in income (especially tea & cake).

The trading account turnover (£27,568) is massively increased compared to pre-covid levels. Thanks Karen! Obviously this is tempered by expenses (£22,221). So, the Trading Account balance increased by £5,347.71. However, it is not straightforward to equate this sum with a trading profit because the income has various sources, including charitable donations, fund-raising and income from assets.

Obvious expenses were for stock. Tea & cake (plus SNPA buffet) cost £3,236, so net profits on catering were £6,611. Sales goods (dragonflies, Christmas trees and CoS to artists) totalled £3,120. Overall, excepting the Christmas tree venture, all sales lines were profitable within the year (dragonflies especially so).

The greatest cost is Karen's wage, albeit a meagre one (£12,667), but it is clear that trading and fund-raising does much more than cover Karen's wage.

£2,766 was invested in improvements to Pensychnant's trading infrastructure: £879 for gallery rails and SumUp machine; £323 for Portmeirion and garden furniture; £1,294 for two marquees. Hopefully these items will soon repay their cost.

Income from Assets: Room Hire for Non-conservation Activities

First Aid Courses (£1,440^{£805}) continue to rent rooms regularly, but now much of the (non-charitable) room hire income is from craft and wellbeing workshops organised by Karen, usually in the Old Billiards Room or marquee. These include Nature journaling, silver-smithing, willow weaving, macramé, needle felting, cyanotypes, mosaics, spinning, and Geoff's weekly yoga sessions. These workshops earned £1,955 @ £40 each half day. Income from these is boosted (sometimes doubled) by including tea and cake with the booking (£1,560^{£1514})

Income from Assets: Rents

The flat returns a steady and secure income of £4,680pa.

Income from Assets

The money held in COIF and HL Legal & General Dynamic Fund is regarded as a financial reserve (*sensu* CC62: SORP2000) and Special Repair Fund (*sensu* CC19). It is allocated for renovation and other special projects which really take Pensychnant forward, and it is saved with the hope of multiplying its value as match funding for grant schemes. It is not unreasonable to expect repairs and renovation costs in excess of £500,000, so this total reserve is woefully insufficient.

All monies arising from Mrs Stott's bequest are regarded as an Expendable Endowment, to raise revenue income for the charity. (This is not a Permanent or inalienable Endowment Fund *sensu* CC64, because Trustees do not require authorization from either the Trust Deed or Charity Commissioners before spending it).

The investment portfolio increased by 1.6% (£1,531^{-£9,644}). This seems good after last year's 9.4% loss but it is less than inflation. Investment dividends stayed about constant at £3,597^{£3,149}.

Expenditure

Conservation of Habitats

The considerable costs of habitat work on the farm were borne by Tim Stott as part of his Glastir agri-environment contract.

Natural History Recording

£80 was spent on moth trap bulbs and DNA sampling of Pensychnant's black poplars. This expenditure will be set against £150 reserved funding from Chris Packham.

Conservation Events & Room Hire

£54 was petty costs of refreshments. £47 bought FSC guides for the winter twig ID course. £17 created a laminated moth trail.

Wardens

During the Coronavirus pandemic, the warden's remuneration was set at a fixed £1,721 per month, £20,652 p.a., paid by bankers' order. Expenses are billed separately.

During the year Karen's wage was increased to £11 hour⁻¹ to organise the tea & cake stall, book and manage events, network with volunteers, and everything to do with fundraising, publicity, admin, finances, bookings, and anything else that comes along. 2023/24 was the third year that Karen was employed, earning just £12,667^{£9,290}.

It must be recognised that the current wardens' remuneration is considerably below that which might be expected, even in the charity sector, even within conservation. This remuneration is equivalent to the national minimum wage but without the normal perks of employment (both warden's are self-employed). (Median gross annual earnings for full-time employees was £34,963 in April 2023 (Office for National Statistics)).

Maintenance & Capital Improvements to Pensychnant Conservation Centre

Routine maintenance included items such as toilet rolls, cleaning products, replacement pantry light switch (£69^{£93}).

Re-plastering the Billiards Room with lime began in winter 2022/23. Hacking off was done by volunteers but plastering with 4 tonnes of lime putty was done by contractors, Kevin Hughes & co. at a cost of £6,154^{£15}. This is only the start! There are plans to raise the floor with underfloor heating, finish roof restoration, and insulate the ceiling. Due to lack of funds this must be adjourned for the time being.

The exterior of the lounge wall was repointed by volunteers to cure damp ingress. Lime mortar cost £120 but if this had been done by a builder it would have cost thousands of pounds.

Some of the downstairs window frames have been painted (£153) but the whole house urgently needs repainting.

The Carneddau Project grant paid for a new laptop and Devolo WiFi network (£991)

£1,294 bought two marquees, replacing an old one, essential for Pensychnant's ongoing programme of charitable and fund-raising events.

Nature Reserve

The Carneddau Project grant paid for a new gate from Cae 1 to Y Bonc (£129), and for new seating benches (£325) and routine chainsaw work (£31)

Access

Granite scalplings and shale was spread by JCB to resore the drive and create extra parking by the sheep pens (£1,786^{£636})

Fferm Pensychnant

All monetary costs relating to the farm have been met by Tim Stott, and all income.

Overheads

Energy costs have skyrocketed! Electricity charges have increased 60% (£2713 ^{£1698}) though electricity usage is not changed. However the apparent increase in biomass wood fuel costs (£9,630 ^{£6,353}) is an artefact of accounting because three deliveries were received in 2023/24, but only two in 2022/23. Infact biomass costs and usage are similar. This cost far exceeds receipts from the RHI

Telephone and internet costs still seem excessive (£749 ^{£708}).

Tom Peel tests the fire alarms and emergency lighting for free.

As a local charity, Pencychnant applies for and gets 100% discretionary relief on its Business Rates.

Promotion, Publicity, Membership

Expenditure on publicity (£903 ^{£1022}) is the cost of printing and posting programmes. Conversely emails are ostensibly free! Email is encouraged but it is evident that paper copies of the programme are preferred and are less readily ignored.

PENSYCHNANT WILDLIFE EXHIBITION & OUTSALES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : BREAKDOWN OF FIGURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

Totals for the year ending 28th February 2023 in ^{superscript}. Values shown gross of SumUp and Just Giving fees, but they were received net of commission to the bank account.

<u>GOODS SOLD RETAIL</u>	£	£ 2021/22
Entrance (normally free) +	(1057.90 paid to NGS)	(£590)
Fundraising Events (with T&C) +	2,970.10	2,398
Venue Hire (with T&C) +	1,955+1,560	1,515
Tea & Cakes Refreshments	8,287.50	6,087
Mulled Wine	274.35	
Philip Snow Cards © Pensychnant	56	43
Betty Mills Cards © Pensychnant	3	0
Emma & Steve Stansfield Cards	1.50	1
Barbara Winrow cards & notebooks	242.20	359
OWL cards *	32	169
Paul Kay cards *	40.65	21
Paula Salmons cards *	23	
Julie Horner card *	1	
Rita Alker cards *	22.50	28
Mary Thomas cards	-	60
Betty Mills Books *	215	29
Second Hand Nature Books *	835.15	67
Historical Trails *	88	82
Wyn's books *	90	
Other Books (COS Reports, Psnow book)	26.99	0
Peter Grace Nature Books	n/a	196
Plants *	510.40	729
Barbara Winrow (trays, aprons, chopping boards..)	703.20	907
Craiglea Crafts & Auntie Jenny *	96	139
Margaret's knitted Birds *	34	121
Brian's Bird boxes *	215	155
Dragonflies, Robins	1075	n/a
Helen willow weaver	15	
Bee's Craft packs	37.50	
Carys Chester plaques	46.50	
Magnets by Simon	103.96	
Simon's breadboard *	25	
Ysgol San Sior bee badges & bombs *	51	73
Bric-a-Brac & Second Hand Books *	735.53	901
bay leaves, herby firelighters *	34.50	12
Kitty's Clay Hogs *	11.50	
Julie's Owl Decoration *	4.50	
Peacock feathers *	64.84	49
Morfa Seaglass	50	70
Logs & Swedish logs *	94.60	102
Baravelli's Truffles *	402.56	250
Christmas Trees	585	
Bev's pottery *	n/a	20
Fleeces *	n/a	74
Prints (mounted)	330	416
Prints (framed)	6.50	290
Originals	1091.50	735
OWL *	305	157
		1,598

Commission Sales (Nadolig & Ffair Lyfrau) +	1142	707
Embroiderers' Guild & Niffler Jewellery +	n/a	211
Face-painting & Graces Poetry +	n/a	86
Raffles (Spring & Christmas) + (incl. Just Giving)	857.18	916
Quiz +	0	6
Unknown / forgotten	473.94	336
Donations (eligible for GASDS or GA) o	756.19	1063
TOTAL	£27,568.90	20,178

* indicates sales of goods donated to Pensychnant (Total income = profit). Sales of donated goods are not regarded as 'trading' *sensu* Inland Revenue Guidance CS2.

+ indicates 'fund-raising' *sensu* Inland Revenue Guidance; also not regarded as 'trading' *sensu* Inland Revenue Guidance CS2. O indicates donations; not regarded as trading and eligible for Gift Aid/ GASDS

SALES DONATED GOODS & FUND-RAISING & DONATIONS = £3,931.73 + £9,542.18 + £756.19= £14,230.10

TRADING AS A PROPORTION OF CHARITY INCOME

Under Charity Commission guidelines, Pensychnant is not compelled to set up a trading company provided that trading turnover does not exceed 25% of the charity's incoming resources (or exceed £50,000).

Exhibition & Outsales Turnover =	£27,568.90	
LESS: monies received from donated goods and fund-raising (not considered to be trading)		£14230.10
HENCE: Trading Turnover	£13,338.80	
Pensychnant Foundation's total Income (see consolidated accounts)	£51,074.80	

Current trading turnover (£13,338) equals 26.1% ^{20.6%} of the Foundation's total (£51,074). Establishment of a separate trading company must be a consideration for the future.

SPECIAL FUND RAISING DAYS

	£	£	£
Conwy Seed Fair	161.55		290
National Garden Scheme 1 & 2	3,248.52		1,621
Spring Fair	1,486.59		1,616
Summer Fair	1,049.20		1,674
Arthur Sings (concert)	540		
Conwy Honey Fair	280.34		379
Jonathan Richards Guitar	370		
Ffair Nadolig 1&2	5,197.27		2,892
Other small retail opportunities (lectures to other groups)	0		0
Web Sales	0		0

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Pensychnant Foundation .
Accounts for the Year Ending 28th February 2024

I have examined the accounts and annual report for the above period which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policy set out on page 1 of the Receipts and Payment Account Summary.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. They consider that the audit requirement under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply for this year, and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiners Statement.

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiners Statement.

Based on my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act 1993, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 1993. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Kay Winstone
Retired Business Manager
July 2024

REVIEW OF PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS 2023 / 2024

The Pensychnant Foundation works with many local naturalists and wildlife organisations, to foster the public's appreciation and understanding of wildlife and wildlife conservation, and to record and safeguard the wildlife and natural beauty of Wales.

Behind the scenes, big and exciting changes are afoot for Pensychnant. Since the conception of the Pensychnant Conservation Centre and Nature Reserve by Brian Henthorn Stott in 1989, the house and the most part of the Estate have been managed by the Pensychnant Foundation, a registered charity (since 1992), under a gentleman's agreement between the charity and the Stott family. This informal arrangement has worked well and happily. A lease has been discussed interminably over the past 35 years but it became clear that it was impossible to ensure both the perpetuity of the charity and the interests of the Stott family across future generations. Instead, in 2023 Tim Stott offered to gift the house, farmyard and most part of the estate (about 109 acres) to the charity, and to lease the farmland (nearly 39 acres) to the charity on a 7-year (hopefully renewable) Farm Business Tenancy. A line of division and terms of agreement have been agreed between the Pensychnant Foundation and Tim Stott. This is the best outcome which the charity could ever have hoped for, and very, very generous. (The farm had never been part of Brian Stott's plan though it has become increasingly important to the charity's aims and activities since 2016). It is now incumbent on the charity to bring this agreement to fruition in 2024 and to make the plan work. Now Pensychnant might prevail forever!

Since the end of the coronavirus pandemic, and because Karen joined the team at Pensychnant in 2020, the Centre has evolved. It now hosts more events, with more visitors, and thankfully more income. There is a buzz of enthusiasm about the place, and Pensychnant is becoming better known and respected. This gives real hope for the future. The charity now has an established repertoire of conservation events such as Insectaganza, Meadows Day, the Birdy Bioblitz, Ashworths' Rustic Weekend and the bird and bat walks. Nature workshops such as Bird Identification with Anne Brenchley, Winter Twig Identification and Owl Pellet Dissection have also been successful. However it is tea & cake which really engenders support. Pensychnant has a growing number of customers for tea & FairTrade cake every weekend. Tea & cake in this beautiful place are also vital to all the craft workshops and well-being sessions. Pensychnant is also making closer links with our local community through Conwy Town Team, Worship in the Wild, and St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. We do not lose sight of the fact that refreshments and trading are primarily a means to raise funds, and that the charitable objects of Pensychnant are for nature conservation, but increased footfall should enable us to extol the virtues of conservation more widely; and we do need money! None of this would be achievable without a good team of volunteers who steward the exhibition, serve customers, clean and garden, and those who run nature events; and the many craftworkers who run workshops and stall holders at the fairs. Overall this seems a positive time. More people are more supportive. Everyone comments on how busy and lively Pensychnant is. This seems a good time for the charity to consolidate its future by taking on ownership of the house and leasing the farmland.

It is disappointing then, that after what had seemed like a busy and successful year, Pensychnant ran at a whopping £19,398 deficit in 2023/24. Following on from a deficit in 2021/22 and 2022/23, this is bad. In all of its history, Pensychnant has tended to more-or-less break even, albeit on a very low turnover. Now we are doing more, achieving more, earning more but spending more. The obvious concern is that the extra staff costs for trading and fund-raising (£12,667) are unsustainable. However this is not so. Even after expenses (including wages), the Trading Account increased by £5,347 within the year. However, this 'profit' is less than the equivalent figure for pre-covid 2018/19 (£8,628). The figures are not perfectly comparable but the massive increase in sales and fund-raising compared to 2018/19 does not completely offset Karen's wage. Furthermore, buoyed up by the increased activity and support and enthusiasm at Pensychnant, the charity perhaps overspent in 2023/24 on replastering the Billiards Room (£6,154), the drive and parking (£1,786), gallery rails (£879), and marquees (£1,294). The £4,292 increase in energy costs was unavoidable. In the past Pensychnant has achieved financial stability by not spending. This would not be sustainable. If the charity is to achieve its aims and develop, and maintain the property increased expenditure is necessary; not a luxury. It is hoped and expected that visitor numbers and support and activity will continue to increase and that trading and fund-raising income will be more sustaining in 2024/25. It has to be!

DIARY OF EVENTS AT PENSYCHNANT
YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2023

Pensychnant Foundation Events

Events put on for or with other groups

Groups hiring Pensychnant

Committees attended on behalf of Pensychnant (elsewhere)

Fri	3	March '23	Cambrian Ornithological Society 'Seabirds'
Wkd	4/5	March	REC First Aid course
Mon	6	March	<u>Moth Group</u>
Wed	8	March	NWWT First Aid Course
			North Wales Geology Association
Sun	12	March	Nature Journal workshop by Bee Williams
Sat	18	March	<u>Butterfly Identification Course by Jan Miller</u>
Sun	19	March	<u>Equinox Yoga by Sue Taylor</u>
Mon	20	March	<u>Conwy wellbeing drop in with farm walk and Yoga</u>
Weds	22	March	Conwy Town Team
			<u>Trustees' Meeting</u>
Sat	25	March	NWWT (Conwy Valley) open committee
Mon	27	March	<u>Conwy Seed Fair</u>
Tues	28	March	<u>"Wildlife Farming at Pensychnant" to Clwyd Ornithological Society</u>
Fri	31	March	<u>"Close Encounters of the Furred Kind – Red Squirrels" by John Harold</u>
Weekends & Bank Holidays	1 April – 30 September		
			<u>WILDLIFE ART EXHIBITION AND TEA & CAKES ON LAWN</u>
Sat	1	April	Ink workshop by Michelle Davison
Sun	2	April	<u>Ffridd walk for Worship in the Wild</u>
Mon/Tue	3/4	April	REC First Aid course
Thurs	6	April	Butterfly Conservation zoom committee
Sat	8	April	Recycled art workshop with Mike Badger - Cancelled
Thurs	13	April	NWWT Joint Nature Conservation Committee
Fri	14	April	Cambrian Ornithological Society "Thailand"
Sat	15	April	<u>Toothpaste and Toffee geological walk with Jonathan Wilkins</u>
Sun	16	April	<u>Bird Identification Course by Anne Brenchley</u>
Wed	19	April	North Wales Geology Association "Brymbo Fossils"
Sat	22	April	Crochet workshop by Lin Woodward
Wkd	22/23	April	<u>Drystone Walling training course with DSWA</u>
Sun	23	April	<u>Trustees' Meeting</u>
Tues	25	April	Lino Cutting Workshop by Evie Roberts
Weds	26	April	Cambrian Ornithological Society committee
Sat	29	April	<u>Spring Fair</u>
Mon	1	May	<u>Bluebell & Primrose Walk</u>
			<u>Moth Group</u>
Tues	2	May	<u>Snowdonia Society fencing work party</u>
Fri	5	May	<u>Walk at Parc Mawr with Ed Milliband, Woodland Trust</u>
			<u>Cambrian Ornithological Society "Living Landscapes"</u>
Mon	8	May	<u>King's coronation Big Help Out Mini Meadow work party</u>
Fri	12	May	Silver-smithing Workshop by Evie Roberts
Sat	13	May	Crochet Workshop with Lin Woodward
			<u>Pied Flycatcher Walk</u>
Sun	14	May	Willow Weaving with Helen
Wed	17	May	Meadows Group to Pant yr Iwrch
Fri	19	May	Mindfulness with Fiona Wilkinson
Sat	20	May	Needlefelting with Beryl Naybour
			<u>Cuckoo Walk</u>
Sun	21	May	<u>"Little Moth who Lost his Way" by Hayley Griffin</u>
Wed	24	May	<u>Willow weaving with Helen</u>
			Conwy Town Team

Thurs 25	May	NWWT (Conwy Valley) Committee
Sat 27	May	Macrame Workshop by Sian Elen
		<u>Bumblebee Workshop with Claire Flinn (Bumblebee Trust)</u>
Wed 31	May	<u>Bat walk by Nicky Fish, BCT</u>
Thurs 1	June	<u>Ecology training for FWAG staff</u>
		FWAG
Sun 4	June	<u>National Garden Scheme</u>
		<u>Michelle Davison artist in residence</u>
Mon 5	June	<u>Moth Group</u>
		<u>Snowdonia National Park Authority Access Forum with buffet</u>
Tues 6	June	<u>Bird Identification Course by Anne Brenchley</u>
Thurs 8	June	<u>Lesser Horseshoe Bat Count</u>
Fri 9	June	<u>Moths and Nightjars at Cors Bodgynnydd</u>
Sat 10	June	<u>Birdy Bioblitz with ringing demonstration</u>
Sun 11	June	Llandudno Horticultural Society to Pensychnant
Mon 12	June	Fiona Wilkinson Art Group
Tues 13	June	<u>Carneddau Project to see meadows</u>
Thur/Fri 15/16	June	REC First Aid
Fri 16	June	<u>Glow-worms and Moths on Great Orme</u>
Sun 18	June	<u>Equinox Yoga with Sue Taylor</u>
Thur/Fri 22/23	June	Peter Moore Masterclass with RCA
Thurs 22	June	<u>Lesser Horseshoe Bat Count</u>
Sat 24	June	Ink workshop with Michelle Davison
Wkd 24/25	June	<u>Drystone Walling course with DSWA</u>
Sun 25	June	Mosaic Workshop (birds) by Mel
Tues 27	June	Silver-smithing workshop by Evie Roberts
Wed 28	June	<u>Moth trap event for Ysgol San Sior</u>
Sat 1	July	<u>National Meadows Day</u>
Sun 2	July	<u>Meadow Survey Day</u>
Mon 3	July	<u>Moth Group</u>
Wed 5	July	Willow weaving with Helen
		<u>Swift Walk</u>
Thurs 6	July	Cyanotypes workshop with Mary Thomas
		<u>Yellow Rattle Collection for Carneddau Project, Pant yr Iwrch</u>
Fri 7	July	<u>Snowdonia Society Bee identification walk</u>
Sun 9	July	<u>National Garden Scheme 2</u>
Thur 13	July	REC First Aid
Sat 15	July	Fiona Wilkinson upcycling workshop
Wkd 15/16	July	<u>Ashworth's Rustic Weekend</u>
Tues 18	July	Penmaenmawr Museum walk with Alan Brandon
		Cambrian Ornithological Society presentation to Geoff Gibbs
Thurs 20	July	Foraging course with Dave Philips for Conwy Fusion
Sat 22	July	<u>Insectaganza</u>
Mon/Tue 24/25	July	<u>Moth Trapping for Glaslyn Ospreys</u>
Fri 28	July	Needlefelting (Kingfisher) with Beryl Naybour
		<u>Bat walk with Nicky Fish BCT</u>
Sat 29	July	Silver-smithing workshop with Evie Roberts
Sun 30	July	Willow weaving (dragonfly) with Helen
Tues 1	August	Introduction to Drop spinning by Denis Williams Usher
Fri 4	August	Denbigh U3A visit
Sat 5	August	<u>Wild Spaces event with Butterfly Conservation</u>
Sun 6	August	Cyanotypes workshop with Mary Thomas
Mon 7	August	<u>Moth Group</u>
Fri 11	August	Silent Retreat mindfulness by Fiona Smith
Sat 12	August	<u>Arthur & Sarah Sing, with Owen & Beth, and Quayside Buccaneers</u>
Wed 16	August	Nature and Wellbeing session by Caroline
Sat 19	August	<u>Summer Fair</u>
Mon 21	August	Work party clearing ivy off Coach House
		Silver-smithing workshop by Evie Roberts
Tues 22	August	U3A walk for dragonflies

Wed 23 August Bowen
 Sat 26 August Dried Flower workshop with Denise Williams Usher
 Sun 27 August Carneddau Project Chough Count
 Seaglass jewellery by Evie Roberts
Mary Thomas artist in residence
 Fri 1 September Cambrian Ornithological Society Field trips committee
 Cambrian Ornithological Society "Birds of Oman"
 Sun 3 September **"Heathlands and Tragedy of the Commons" walk**
 Mon 4 September **Trustees Meeting**
Moth Group
 Tues 5 September Mindfulness by Fiona Smith
 Fri 8 September Alys Hughes' Forest School for toddlers
 Needlefelting workshop by Beryl Naybour
 Sat 9 September Willow weaving workshop (swallows) by Helen
 Wkd9/10 September **Drystome Walling Course with DSWA**
 Wed 13 September **Conwy Honey Fair**
 Thurs 14 September FWAG
 Fri 15 September Alys Hughes' Forest School for toddlers
 Sat 16 September **Ffair Lyfrau**
 Thur/Fri 21/22 September REC First Aid Course
 Fri 22 September Alys Hughes' Forest School for toddlers
Bat Walk with Nicky Fish, Bat Conservation Trust
 Sat 23 September Spool hanging workshop by Bee Williams
 Sun 24 September **Equinox Yoga by Sue Taylor**
 Mon 25 September NWWT Reserves Staff Meeting
 Tues 26 September Silver-smithing workshop by Evie Roberts
 Wed 27 September Bowen
Conwy Town Team meeting
 Fri 29 September **Freshwater Microbiota Microscope Workshop by Wyn Hughes**
 Alys Hughes' Forest School for toddlers
 Mon 2 October **Moth Group**
 Tues 3 October Bat walk for Brownies by Nicky Fish
 Fri 6 October Needlefelting workshop by Beryl Naybour
 Cambrian Ornithological Society committee
 Cambrian Ornithological society "Anglesey Birds since Tunnickliffe"
 Sat 7 October **Jonathan Richards Guitar Concert**
 Sat 21 October Nature wellbeing by Caroline
 Mon 23 October **Fencing work party**
 Tues 24 October Yoga with Geoff Powell
 Wed 25 October Bowen
 Silver-smithing workshop by Evie Roberts
 Thur/Fri 26/27 October REC First Aid Course
 Fri 27 October Alys Hughes' Forest School for toddlers
Bat Walk with Nicky Fish, Bat Conservation Trust
 Sat 28 October Mosses and Microscopes with N.Wales Non-flowering Plant Group
 Sun 29 October Upcycling crafts with Fiona Wilkinson
 Mon 30 October **Bat Box workshop with Nicky Fish, Bat Conservation Trust**
 Tues 31 October Yoga with Geoff Powell
 Thurs 2 November Silver-smithing workshop with Evie Roberts
 Fri 3 November **"Farming and Wildlife" for Abergele U3A**
 Mindfulness with Fiona Smith
 Mon 6 November Butterfly Conservation Committee
Moth Group
 Tues 7 November Yoga with Geoff Powell
 Silver-smithing workshop with Evie Roberts
 Wed 8 November **Gravel work party**
 Fri 10 November Willow Weaving workshop with Helen
 Sun 12 November **Owl Pellet Dissection Workshop**
 Tue 14 November Yoga with Geoff
 Wed 15 November **Garden Work Party**

Fri 17 November Needlefelting reindeer with Beryl Naybour
 Sat 18 November winter Garland Workshop with Denise Williams Usher
 Sun 19 November Nature wellbeing with Caroline
 Tues 21 November Geoff's Yoga
 Town Team (Zoom)
 Wed 22 November **Fencing Work Party**
 Fri 24 November **'Shaping the Wild' with David Elias & James Robertson. Joint with Cymdeithas Eryri**
 Sun 26 November Willow Weaving with Helen
 Tue 28 November Geoff's Yoga
 Wed 29 November **Fencing Work Party**
 Thurs 30 November FWAG AGM
 Fri 1 December Cambrian Ornithological Society AGM and Members' Slides
 Sat 2 December **Ffair Nadolig 1**
 Mon – Sat 4-9 December St Mary's **Conwy Christmas Tree Festival**
 Mon 4 December **Moth Group**
 Tues 5 December Geoff's Yoga
 Bowen
 Wed 6 December NWWT Trading Lunch
 Thur/Fri 7/8 December REC First Aid Course
 Sat 9 December **Ffair Nadolig 2**
 Mon 11 December **Supporters' Christmas Eleveses**
 Tues 12 December Geoff's Yoga
 Tue 19 December Geoff's Yoga
 Fri 5 January '24 Cambrian Ornithological society Committee (Zoom)
 Tue 9 January Geoff's Yoga
 Wed 10 January **Drystone Walling work party**
 Bowen
 Thurs 11 January Bowen
 Tues 16 January Geoff's Yoga
 Thur/Fri 18/19 January REC First Aid Course
 Sat 20 January **Moss Walk with Philippa Thompson**
 Tues 23 January Geoff's Yoga
 Conwy Town Team Meeting
 Fri 26 January Bowen
 Sat 27 January Mosses and Microscopes with N.Wales Non-flowering Plant Group
 Tues 30 January Geoff's Yoga
 Fri 2 February Needle Felting with Beryl Naybour
 Sat 3 February **Winter Twig Identification workshop**
 Picton Scouts for visit
 Sun 4 February Cambrian Ornithological Society envelope stuffing party
 North Wales Geology Association AGM
 Mon 5 February **Moth Group**
 Tues 6 February Geoff's Yoga
 Thurs 8 February Butterfly Conservation zoom committee
 Fri 9 February Bowen
 Sat 10 February Macrame with Sian Elen
 Mon/Tue 12/13 February **Drystone Walling Course for Cymdeithas Eryri**
 Tues 13 February Bowen
 Thur/Fri 15/16 February REC First Aid
 Sat 17 February Needlefelting course by Beryl Naybour
 Sun 18 February Nature Well-being with Caroline
 Mon 19 February Introduction to Drop spinning by Denise Williams Usher
 Tue 20 February Geoff's Yoga
 Fri 23 February Wellbeing session by Fiona Smith
 Sat 24 February Mosses and Microscopes by N.Wales Non-flowering Plant Group
 Tues 27 February Conwy Town Team by Zoom

Total: 226¹⁸⁷ events on 191¹⁷⁴ days, plus Wildlife Art Exhibition for 20²⁰ days.