Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	07	May	2025	To	06	May	2026

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Charity name Taibach Community Library

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1158698

Charity's principal address

Taibach Community Library
5 Commercial Road
Taibach, Port Talbot
Postcode SA13 1LN

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)
	1	Luke Jenkins	Chair of Trustees		
	2	Susan Grundy	Treasurer		
	3	Alyson Moore	Secretary		
	4	Sean Pursey			
	5	Camilla Walker			
	6	Carys Jenkins		Since 16 Oct 2025	
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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution – adopted 07 May 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected from the membership at Annual General Meetings with a third of trustees retiring at each AGM. They can be appointed until the next AGM by the existing trustees between annual general meetings.

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

The text as reads in the governing document:

> "To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the electoral wards of Taibach and Margam and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for education, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants."

These objectives are carried out through the running of a community library in Taibach, providing access to books, information, digital services, activities and opportunities for social interaction.

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)

The main activities carried out by the charity include:

- Lending books and DVDs to members of the public.
- Providing four public access computers with free internet access.
- Providing free Wi-Fi within the library.
- Providing printing and photocopying facilities.
- Providing access to public documents, information and consultations.
- Providing a welcoming community space where local people can meet, take part in activities and access support.
- Providing regular activities including IT support, art, family history, games and craft activities.
- Supporting digital inclusion through access to computers, Wi-Fi and the Good Things Foundation's National Databank scheme.
- Providing opportunities for people to learn new skills, socialise and reduce isolation.
- Working with local organisations and community partners to provide activities and support for local residents.

During the year, the library also operated as a Warm Space, providing a welcoming and accessible place for local residents to spend time, access free Wi-Fi and make use of the library's facilities. The Warm Space formed an important part of the library's wider work to support local people and reduce social isolation.

The library is run by a team of trained volunteers from the local community and surrounding areas, who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the library and the delivery of many of its activities and services.

In planning and delivering these activities and services, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the 2025–26 year, the Charity continued to provide a community library service for the communities of Taibach, Goytre, Margam and the surrounding areas.

The library continued to provide access to books, DVDs, computers, free Wi-Fi, printing, photocopying and information, alongside a programme of community activities designed to encourage people to visit the library, learn new skills and meet others.

Regular activities during the year included the weekly IT support session, Art Group, Family History support and community craft and social activities. A Saturday Game Club was also introduced, providing an additional opportunity for people in the community to come together and use the library as a social space.

The library continued to provide opportunities for children and families, including seasonal craft activities. Towards the end of the year, the children's area was closed as part of planned refurbishment works, meaning that some children's activities were temporarily paused.

A significant development during the year was the library's Warm Space provision. The library provided a welcoming space where local residents could stay warm, use the library's facilities and access free Wi-Fi. The Warm Space formed part of the library's wider work to support local people and reduce social isolation.

The library also continued its work supporting digital inclusion through access to public computers, Wi-Fi and the National Databank scheme, helping eligible members of the community to access free mobile data. The library continued to make its facilities available to people who may otherwise experience barriers to accessing digital services.

The library continued to develop its use of social media, particularly Facebook and Instagram, to promote services, activities and events and to keep the local community informed about what was happening at the library.

The library also continued to work with local organisations and community partners to provide support and activities for residents. Volunteers remained central to the successful operation of the library, contributing their time and skills to keeping the library open, running activities, supporting visitors and maintaining the service for the local community.

During the year, the library and its volunteers also received recognition for their contribution to the local community, including recognition through the Community Libraries Network Volunteer Awards, and at the Neath Port Talbot CVS annual volunteer awards ceremony.

Overall, the Charity continued to provide an important community facility, combining traditional library services with social interaction, digital access, community activities, volunteering and practical support for local residents.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	At the end of the reporting period, the Charity held a healthy level of reserves, which the Trustees consider sufficient to support the Charity's ongoing activities and provide a buffer against unexpected costs.

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 Charity's principal sources of income during the year were grants, donations, membership fees, room and facility hire, fundraising and other income generated through the operation of the library. Grant funding continued to play an important role in enabling the Charity to provide additional services and activities for the local community. Expenditure during the year supported the continued operation of Taibach Community Library and the delivery of its charitable objectives. This included the costs of running and maintaining the library, utilities, insurance, equipment, materials, activities and other costs associated with providing a safe and welcoming community facility. As in previous financial years, the costs of operating the library can vary from year to year due to the timing and nature of invoicing and the recharging of utilities and other services by the Local Authority. The Charity also incurred expenditure associated with its Warm Space provision and other community activities during the year. The Trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure carefully to ensure that available funds are used effectively to support the Charity's objectives and the continued provision of services to the local community.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	L. Coles	S. Pursey
Full name(s)	Luke Coles	Sean Pursey
Position	Chair of Trustees	Trustee
Date	5/10/2026	5/10/2026

Charity Name	No (if any)
Taibach Community Library	1158698

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	7-May-25		6-May-26

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Library takings cash and cheque	4,117	-	-	4,117	3,735
Library takings card	471	-	-	471	311
Clothes bank recycling	-	-	-	-	154
Online fundraising	247	-	-	247	398
Rent Grant - NPTCBC		1,650	-	1,650	1,495
Warm Space Grant - NPTCBC	-	1,600	-	1,600	2,110
Warm Hub Grant - NPTCBC	-	-		-	2,285
Cae Garw Solar Farm Fund - children's area	-	-		-	10,020
Margam Community Benefit Fund - children's area	-	-		-	3,206
Amazon refund	37	-		37	231
Insurance Payout		12,913		12,913	231
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	4,871	16,163	-	21,034	24,176
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,871	16,163	-	21,034	24,176
A3 Payments					
Utilities (Gas, electric, trade waste, water, fire safety etc.)	2,179	-	-	2,179	3,871
Broadband	40	-	-	40	475
Rent	84	1,650	-	1,734	1,575
Insurance	1,976	-	-	1,976	1,583
Information Comissioners Office	47	-	-	47	35
Equipment purchased (incl. warm space)	345	1,600	-	1,945	870
Photocopier bill	139	-	-	139	57
Children's area refurbishment	-	-		-	13,537
Purchase of new computers	-	-	-	-	5,384
Warm Hub Grant - NPTCBC Spend	-	-		-	2,285
Cash loss/till error	-	-		-	9
CCTV system	98		-	98	-
Till software	72	-	-	72	
Uniform	323	-	-	323	-
Replacement of children's area and stock	250	12,913		13,163	-
Grant spend from previous year (adjustment)	-	5,292	-	5,292	-
Web hosting	134	-		134	-
Sub total	5,687	21,455	-	27,142	29,681
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see					
			-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,687	21,455	-	27,142	29,681
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 816	- 5,292	-	- 6,107	- 5,505
A5 Transfers between funds	5,292	-	-	5,292	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,134	5,292	-	16,426	16,405
Cash funds this year end	15,610	0	-	15,611	10,900

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	15,599	-	-
	Cash	12	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,611	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
L Coles	Luke Coles	5/10/2026
S.Pursey	Sean Pursey	5/10/2026