The Thomas and Elizabeth Mayhook Charity
Registered Charity Number 1164725

Balance Sheet for the year ending 31/03/2026

Accounting period 31/03/2025 to 31/03/2026

Balance on 31/03/2025	2,343.46
Income from regular Donations	**1,308.00**

Outgoings

Insurance	318.98
Maintenance of website	150.00
Machinery maintenance/ fuel	471.00
Council grass cuts	270.00
Total	**1,209.98**

Summary

Income from 31/03/2025 to 31/03/2026	1,308.00
Expenditure from 31/03/2025 t0 31/03/2026	1,209.98
Balance on 31/03/2026	2,441.48

I have examined the financial report of the Thomas and Elizabeth Mayhook Charity for the year ending 31st March 2026 and am satisfied that they are a true and accurate record.

Chairperson : Richard Goodridge Signed :

Treasurer : Janet Williams Signed :

DATE :

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The general maintenance of the graveyard and its monuments continues to provide challenges both physical and financial. Another memorial is being restored as part of the ongoing process and will soon be announced on the website.
The Council agreed to cut the major part of the open space at a cost of £90 per cut, however, the most difficult areas between the graves represents a sizeable and time consuming task for our loyal volunteers. Also, where possible they continue to mow the larger space, clearly saving much needed funds. In fact, over the last year, the Council was called upon only 4 times in total. This meant a considerable burden for the volunteers who nevertheless were able to maintain the space in pristine condition, much admired by all. The charity has recently purchased a new mower from the small amount of savings it has at its disposal at a cost of £425.00. This will be essential to Robert and Alison Goodridge and David England who are to be congratulated on their magnificent contribution in keeping the grounds in good order and looking beautiful all year round.

The trustees remain aware of the need to boost finances and despite best efforts, this is proving to be particularly difficult. As indicated in the Financial Report, the limited donations and increasing costs would require attention in the near future. Many of our regular donors no longer contribute, for a variety of reasons, and other ways of generating funds were explored.
One such idea was to raise the profile of the Charity by inviting the local Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society to visit. Dr Mary Thorley (Chair) organised the event which proved to be both successful and enjoyable, reminding us of the importance of this historical site.
'The stories beneath our feet' event was held on Wednesday 16 July 2025
Over 40 members of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society attended where they were given a tour of the restored graveyard by Mary Thorley, Richard Goodridge and Prof. Tony Curtis. The history of the graveyard reveals important aspects of Carmarthen and its people through its monuments and gravestones. The areas covered included social, military and women's history. At the end of the tour members were invited to stay for refreshments and enjoy exchanging ideas and opinions as well as having a chance to ask questions.The event not only helped to raise the profile of the Charity but thanks to the generosity of the Aniquarians, raised almost £200 in donations. Two people subscribed as regular donors which added a valuable contribution to our income.

The Thomas and Elizabeth Mayhook Charity celebrated its 10th Anniversary on 15th December 2025. The trustees and volunteers met at the Falcon Hotel for a celebratory afternoon tea and enjoyed a rare opportunity to congratulate each other on the last decade's team effort including that of the wider community who so willingly have given their time and energy to such a

‘monumental’ achievement.
A significant milestone worthy of celebration following a decade of transformation revealing one of Carmarthen’s most important historical sites. A site that continues to fascinate and reveal its secrets as stories are added to the ‘What’s in a Name’ section of the website. The dedicated research of Richard Goodridge continues to give focus and meaning to previously anonymous headstones as well as so many unmarked graves.
The meeting of 11th February 2026 sadly saw the resignation of Dr Mary Thorley as Chair. The Charity owes a debt of gratitude to her for steering a course through challenging times, whilst remaining positive and supportive. She plans to continue as a valued Friend to the Charity and we wish her every happiness as she moves on to pastures new.
Professor Tony Curtis and his wife Margaret retired as Trustees, having completed ten years of dedicated service as founder members of the Charity. Their steadfast loyalty and commitment has been invaluable and greatly appreciated. They will no doubt continue to take a keen interest in the work of the Charity and their support will always be highly valued.
Other changes of responsibilities within the small team of Trustees meant that this had a considerable impact and so, an Extraordinary General Meeting was called. Following the EGM on Wednesday March 23rd 2026, the Board of Trustees was restructured to include Richard Goodridge as Interim Chair, a most welcome return to the Board for the Founding Chair of the Charity. Huw Michael as Treasurer and Jan Wiliams as secretary, also Chris Dzioba was reinstated as a Trustee. Andy Edwards joined the Charity as a valued member of the team of volunteers.
Finally, the announcement of the appointment of Right Reverend Dorrien Davies, Lord Bishop of St Davids as Patron to the Charity whose support will no doubt have an invaluable influence on our work. Bishop Dorrien sees St David’s Churchyard as a significant historical, social and environmental space in addition to its importance as a place of commemoration, and looks forward to supporting the charity as Patron whenever possible.
The last part of the year has seen a period of considerable change, but ends with great positivity and a view to the future with a more secure financial outlook. Already, the numbers of regular donors have increased thanks to the influence of Richard Goodridge in generating interest in this worthy cause. Maintaining this momentum will be a key focus of attention for the year ahead.