H4V Hope for the Valleys GIC Gobaith i'r Cymoedd

Period of report: 1/12/2024 – 30/11/2025

Legal and Administrative Details

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Melrose, 5 Gelli Road, Tredegar, NP22 3RD
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	24 February 2021
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1193657
TRUSTEES	Rev T Hallam Mr G Bent Rev A Pitt Rev J Allan Mrs Esther Chaplin
Bankers	Lloyds Bank

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Objects of the charity: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES, IN SCHOOLS AND GROUPS, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHURCHES IN THE AREA OF THE HEADS OF THE VALLEYS, SOUTH EAST WALES.

Structure governance, and management

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust.

The trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance regarding the charity. A new trustee can only be appointed with the unanimous decision of all the present trustees.

The trustees met regularly during the period of this report. One trustee has been appointed permanent secretary and minutes all meetings. The minutes are checked by all trustees.

Aims and purposes

The trustees of Hope for the Valleys work alongside one another and employ a children and youth officer in order to 'advance the Christian Faith among young people and Families'. Hope for the Valleys works in schools and after school group settings 'and in conjunction with the churches in the area of the Heads of the Valleys, South East Wales'.

Summary of the charities main activities and achievements

The trustees of Hope for the Valleys are committed to enabling as many children, young people and families as possible, regardless of social means and background to participate in the many activities undertaken by the charity.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. In particular we try to enable children, young people and families from all walks of life to learn about the Christian Faith through:

Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ.

Provision of Pastoral care for people living in the community.

Missionary and Outreach work for children, young people and their families.

A Stable and dedicated team

2024 -2025 proved to be a very beneficial time for Hope for the Valleys.

As our last report stated Ilan Tricker was appointed as our Children and Youth worker in March 2024. He's a great communicator with the children and young people, a very conscientious and hard worker and a great team player. His Christian faith is sincere, and yet he presents the Christian message in a kind unobtrusive manner. Ilan was born and bred in the Valleys and therefore understands the culture and complexities of working in the Valleys. There has been no change to the trustees during this year. It has been good to have a stable team who are dedicated and enthusiastic.

Schools work

Ilan has strengthened the links he has built with schools in our area. There are too many schools to mention all by name! Once again, this year, many new schools have come on to the Hope for the Valleys radar. Ilan has taken assemblies, and lessons relating to Christianity in many schools. Ilan continues to visit some schools on a weekly basis, strengthening relationships with them. Not only do these regular visits strengthen the relationship with Hope for the Valleys but also provide a bridge for schools and local churches to build relationships thus strengthening community links. One example of this is in Troedyrhiw, a small village outside Merthyr, where Ilan's link with the local school proved key in bringing about a community service in April 2025 in Carmel Chapel Troedyrhiw. It was great to hear that the school took part in this community service. We are also thrilled to report that in Aberfan a children's club started during this period in a local chapel. Again, Ilan's role in visiting the local Welsh primary school in Aberfan was certainly a major factor in establishing this children's club. These are just a few examples of how Ilan has been able to impact community interaction between different groups in the community.

We're grateful for the help of our partners Scripture Union who loaned us free of charge during the summer a "Football cage". Ilan with the help of Scripture Union Staff and volunteers took sessions in different schools all through the Valleys. There were links and bridges built with local Churches as volunteers from local churches helped Ilan in these sessions. We received feedback from the schools that the children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions. Indeed, these football cage and games sessions have become a part of many a school's summer term calendar. As a part of these games and football sessions Ilan would share a story from the Bible. The children enjoyed these Bible stories as well.

During the school summer term in 2025 Ilan spent time with many year 6 classes in various primary schools. Scripture Union who partner Hope for the Valleys have a helpful book "It's your move", that reaches out to year 6 children calming any anxiety about moving on to Secondary School. Ilan was able to assist with many year 6 children as they faced moving up

to ‘big school’. As well as practical measures, Ilan was able to share from his personal experience as a Christian how Jesus helps him in times of change and worry.

Deputation Meetings and Raising Profile

Once again during this year, links were strengthened with churches both local and further afield. Ilan visited numerous churches in the Valleys, and south Wales to hold deputation meetings, where he thanked churches for their support, both financial and in prayer. Ilan was able to explain the aims of the work – to share the good news of Jesus with Children and Young people in South East Wales. These deputation meetings proved a fruitful resource in raising the profile of Hope for the Valleys, and we are grateful for the support of these churches.

Connecting with Children and Youth out of School

During the year Ilan has worked extremely hard in trying to connect with Children and Young People out of school hours. He has linked up with many local Valley Churches in helping in their children and youth activities.

Every Monday evening Ilan helps run a football club with Hebron Evangelical church in the “Engine House” community centre in Dowlais, Merthyr. There are a keen number of children that come every week to play football and listen to a relevant Bible talk.

Ilan is also a regular helper with the Youth Group on a Friday evening in Blaina Evangelical Church. Many of these children are from deprived backgrounds and it’s a privilege to hear of their enjoyment attending the club in Blaina.

Ilan continues to lead the monthly youth group on a Saturday evening. It’s proven a great opportunity to draw children and young people from different church youth clubs together. Again, we’re grateful to be able to partner with a community youth project, such as the established ‘Engine House” scheme in Merthyr. Monthly youth meetings were held in the Engine House, regularly drawing around 30-40 young people who are associated with different churches in South East Wales. There was plenty of games and fun! There was also an opportunity for the young people to hear the good news about Jesus in way that was relevant to them.

Conclusion

As we look back on this period 01/12/2024 – 30/11/2025 we are grateful that the work of Hope for the Valleys is flourishing in the Heads of the Valleys and South East Wales. There are more children and young people who have come to hear the good news about Jesus. We have continued to build and develop with other local charities and organisations who share in our concern about children and young people in our area. Many hundreds of children and young people have learned about the Christian faith through the work of Hope for the Valleys. It’s been an encouragement to see schools welcoming Ilan, and some on a weekly basis. Relationships with schools and the local community have been strengthened.

and deepened. As trustees we are extremely grateful for the continuing hard work of Ilan Tricker as our Children and Youth worker, and as a Christian organisation we are grateful to God for all his provision. 2024-2025 proved to be a very exciting and rewarding year for Hope for the
Valleys.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hope for the Valleys - Gobaith I'r Cymoedd	1193657

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/12/2024	To	30/11/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	32,260	-	-	32,260	24,760
Gift Aid	1,908	-	-	1,908	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	34,168	-	-	34,168	24,760
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,168	-	-	34,168	24,760
A3 Payments					
Salaries and NI	24,454	-	-	24,454	14,017
Pension Contributions	1,334	-	-	1,334	693
Insurance	707	-	-	707	662
Internet	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	22	-	-	22	-
Training Courses & Conference Fees	318	-	-	318	145
Travel & Subsistence	945	-	-	945	260
Consumables	797	-	-	797	1,096
Gift	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire	960	-	-	960	930
Sports Equipment etc	-	-	-	-	29
Sub total	29,537	-	-	29,537	17,832
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer & Printer	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,537	-	-	29,537	17,832
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,631	-	-	4,631	6,928
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,353	-	-	18,353	11,423
Cash funds this year end	22,984	-	-	22,984	18,351

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	In Bank Account	22,984	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,984	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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B2 Other monetary assets

None	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
None		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Computer & Printer	General	1,899	300
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Graham Bent	15/06/2026

Hope for the Valleys – Gobaith i'r Cymoedd (Charity No.1193657)

Receipts and Payments Accounts 30 November 2025

Audit Report

I have examined the underlying records pertaining to the Hope for the Valleys (Charity No. 1193657) Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 30th November 2025.

I confirm that the balance standing on the bank account is £22,983.71 as at that date and that the Receipts and Payments Account is a true representation of the records that I have examined.

Signed:.....EMBritton..... Dated:..25.07.2026.....

Name: ELIZABETH MAIR BRITTON

Occupation: Legal Cashier (Retired)

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