CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report

01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Charity name: The Pill Trust

Charity registration number: 1197441

Aim and Purpose

The Pill Trust is founded on Christian principles of generosity and justice. We aim to serve alongside others to see a hope-filled and flourishing Pillgwenlly.

The charity was born from a shared Christian faith and passionate desire to work collaboratively with existing local community groups and partnerships, whilst also bringing our energy and experience to help pioneer fresh and creative thinking to the challenges in our community.

Objectives and Activities

The current focus of The Pill Trust is working with children, clothing, and food.

Children

Our weekly term-time timetable is two toddler groups (one is also an ESOL class to the parents), two after-school family play sessions and a play cafe which runs three afternoons a week. Across all these groups we host around 108 people weekly.

Every school holiday we run our 'Holiday Games' sessions and over the course of the year we host approx. 17 of these. We average around 40 children, plus their parents for each session.

We hosted our annual light party at Halloween, which had around 50 children attending plus parents.

We have also run our first 'Parentalk' parenting course, running over 6 sessions, where we walked through some key struggles and joys of parenting with around 5 attendees. It was met with great enthusiasm, and we plan to do another one soon.

Clothing

Our swapshop has been running really well: the big clothes drop takes place every 6 weeks or so, and it has become increasingly popular with families from all backgrounds as they donate old clothes and find new ones for free. We have recently run two successful toyswaps, with the aim to run many more, and these are a fantastic opportunity for families to get rid of old toys. From their donations we create a little free 'toyshop' that the children can select new items from.

Food

Finally, we give food provision – once again we delivered 1500 food 'Bags of Hope' to the residents of the Pill community at Christmas, plus toiletries and other treats to local care homes.

Our community pantry continues to be a key provision of food in the local community, with the need increasing, especially as we see the suspension of other local food provision. We continue to support the Pill Millennium centre in their weekly food co-op, by providing boxes of cereal for their provision. Last year saw The Pill Trust donate 2000 boxes. Taking on a Pantry assistant towards to end of the year, is allowing us to connect with local food providers as well as getting the food to those who need it most.

Other

We have also started to become an umbrella for other smaller groups that need support – we host a coffee morning called 'Community, Coffee and Chat' and a bingo group called 'Sunshine Bingo'

When planning activities for the year, the Trustees consider the Commission's guidance on public benefit and ensure that activities are carried out in line with this.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain a network of volunteers, and these come from St Stephen's church as well as the local community. We also have key links to other organisations in the community and work together with these.

Achievements and Performance

We have nearly 90 families connected in our Pill Trust Families Whatsapp group, which we use to keep people updated on our events, and which they use themselves to share information and resources.

Our weekly attendance for each group is roughly as follows:

Play cafe: 20
Community, Coffee and Chat group: 10
Toddler groups: 38
Afterschool play: 50
Sunshine bingo: 10

By far the group with the most growth is our afterschool family play sessions. The numbers have outgrown the Hall where we have previously held the sessions, and we are excited to move over to the much larger space in the church in September. We will also be increasing the number of our sessions to three times a week. We initially added a second weekly session in a bid to help lessen the pressure of number in a session – but then they just came to both! The aim is to increase parental involvement in the move over to the church, creating an intentional adult space where they can connect, but also access our food, clothes, and signposting to other services.

Future developments

We are increasing the number of afterschool family play sessions, and relocating to a larger space, to match its growth.

We also plan to start a sewing group for girls 8+, as we have noted a distinct lack of activities in the area for older girls.

The Play Cafe project has been running for over a year, and we are changing its name to better suit how we see it being used by the community. We barely make any cafe sales, and people prefer to use it as a communal living-room, to hang out, meet with friends and to combat isolation in their homes. Instead, we will rename it 'The Pill Play Room', with scheduled play sessions. There will still be some limited snacks for sale, but it won't be the focus. One day

will be limited, with prebooked spaces for those with special needs who require a quieter space, another day will be to host to additional activities such as ESOL classes, a 6-week lullaby workshop with Opersonic, mocktail hour, gardening club etc. Our final day will have a different sensory focus each week.

We are now developing our Community Pantry strategy to provide more than a food service and are seeking to create a welcoming space where people can build relationships, access practical advice, and connect with local support services.

This includes a new Pill Mobile Community Pantry to bring affordable, nutritious food directly into the heart of Pillgwenlly, reaching people who may be unable or unwilling to access traditional food banks.

By combining food redistribution with community outreach, we will reduce food waste while increasing food security. We are planning regular visits to neighbourhoods across the community, thus reducing isolation, promoting dignity and wellbeing, encouraging volunteering, and providing a visible, trusted presence that strengthens community resilience.

Financial Review

This year, total receipts were £105013, a significant increase from previous years. Although donations were down compared to last year, we were able to secure more and larger grants, as well as being left a legacy gift.

Our principal sources of income were from Pill Unity (via POBL and later Codi Group), Wooden Spoon for our Youth Bus and Moondance Foundation for our Pantry Assistant.

We also received income from Love Christmas and PCC for Gwent (Bags of Hope) and Lovell Homes (for Children's work and the pantry)

As previous years, most of our income was given for specific projects and therefore was restricted.

During the year we spent £73881, an increase on the previous year of £14k. The largest part of this was due to salary increases as we moved from our full-time employee, to this employee plsu 2 part time employees (an Assistant Outreach worker and a Pantry Assistant). There was also a large spend as we paid a one-off payment for the Youth Bus

Our largest outgoing remains the provision of wages, plus employee administration costs for the Outreach workers (£35k). We also have significant outgoings for our annual Bags of Hope (£14.4k). Another significant area of spend was renovating our Youth Bus which was then delivered to site in September.

Smaller outgoings included hosting the Extreme Tour again and supporting one of the local Primary schools to purchase a sports kit for use by their various sports teams. Our work on the Community Pantry is increasing, and we are seeing costs for this.

There are then additional spends for administration of the charity.

The net result of the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £31,132. This excess is all restricted funds ready to support the coming year's work (salaries for our Outreach workers and Pantry worker, money for the purchase of a container for our Community Pantry as well as reserves to support other community work).

To sustain the work of the charity, the committee will continue looking for sources of funding and we are in the process of reviewing other areas of grants and support that the charity can tap in to.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of the Trustees is set out in the Constitution.

Current Trustees consist of the Reverend Justin Groves (one of the Team Vicars from the Ministry Area), along with V. Ede and K. Hasler.

R. Pike joined as a trustee on 24/09/25 and R. Young on 18/03/26 as per constitution.

The trustees continue to be supported by the Finance Officer along with other key members of St Stephen's congregation and the local community. The trustees manage the outreach work through 3 employees – an Outreach worker, Assistant Outreach worker and Pantry assistant.

Future trustees will be selected with preference on residents who reflect the community of Pill and can represent the needs of the community.

The Pill Trust is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Reference and Administrative details

The Pill Trust is situated in Pill, Newport. The correspondence address is St Stephen's Vicarage, Adeline Street, Newport., Gwent, NP20 2HA.

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Trustees who have served from 1st April 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Chair:	The Reverend Justin Groves
Elected Trustees:	Valery Ede
	Kevin Hasler
	Rob Pike
	Rachel Young

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2026

The Pill Trust
Financial Statement for 25/26 as at 31/03/26

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Receipts	£	£	£
Donations	1611	14632	**16243**
Grants	4713	71053	**75766**
Fundraising	5	0	**5**
Other	0	13000	**13000**
	6329	98685	105013

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Payments		£	£	£
Cost of fundraising events			2211	**2211**
Other running costs (Admin fees, payroll, accounting)		338	486	**824**
Wages / salaries			33543	**33543**
Pension contributions			1500	**1500**
Hall Rent / Heating		400		**400**
Repairs and maintenance		416		**416**
Insurance		366		**366**
Telephone, internet and postage		566	72	**638**
Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies			327	**327**
Grants and donations paid				**0**
Costs of charitable activities	Children		3238	**3238**
	Bags of Hope		14396	**14396**
	Outreach Other		16022	**16022**
Purchase of fixed assets				**0**
		2087	71795	73881
Excess of Receipts over Payments		4242	26890	31132
Transfers between funds				
		4242	26890	31132
Bank Current Account 01 Apr		335	32511	32846
Cash held			50	50
Total Funds at 01 Apr		**335**	**32561**	**32896**
Bank Current Account 31 Mar		4577	59372	63950
Cash held			79	79
Total Funds at 31 Mar		**4577**	**59451**	**64029**

Restricted funds Remaining

Bags of Hope	1799
Children	674
Outreach worker	34240
Outreach Other	22738
	59451

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: The Pill Trust

On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1197441

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	13 July 2026
Name:	Gemma Louise Harris		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
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