Truth in A Trailer

Annual Report 1 January – 31 December 2025

Introduction

Truth in a Trailer was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (number 1208552) on 6th June 2024, with registered office Bethesda Church, Ty'n y Parc Road, Cardiff CF14 6BP. The stated charitable object of Truth in a Trailer in its constitution (dated 6th June 2024) is as follows:

> To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of beliefs in the Schedule hereto, primarily in South Wales and also in other parts of the United Kingdom and further afield as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit. This object will be achieved mainly, but not exclusively (a) by producing or otherwise sourcing literature and other material on Christianity and distributing it at public events, (b) by public preaching, and (c) by acts of kindness to those in evident need as a practical expression of the Christian faith.

When planning our activities for the period we have considered and conformed to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In these activities we seek to introduce as wide a range of people as possible to the Christian faith, to encourage people in their Christian faith, and specifically also to provide practical help to meet the immediate needs of people who are homeless and others living in poverty. As in the previous year, our main areas of activity have been as follows:

- Christian outreach at agricultural shows and town fairs
- Preaching, literature and tote bag distribution in town/city centres and at drive-in services
- Outreach to homeless people
- Literature production and acquisition

As mentioned in last year's report, the sets of people we encounter in the above areas of activity are almost disjoint from each other, contributing towards our purpose of introducing as wide a range of people as possible to the Christian faith with the resources we have available. Our activities take place in various locations across South Wales, with some of them focussing particularly upon the Cardiff area. Much of the activity has been a continuation of previous years' activities, and the reader is referred to our Annual Report covering the period 6 June to 31 December 2024 for fuller details of these activities and the rationale underlying our approach to each. In the Achievements and Performance section of the present report we focus mainly on new developments that have taken place in the current reporting period.

During the current reporting period it has become clear that a more permanent, purpose-built resource centre for storage of the charity's equipment would be very beneficial to our operations. At present we store most of Truth in a Trailer's equipment in rooms kindly provided to us by a local church, and the trailers are stored on various supporters' drive-ways and garage. This is not sustainable in the long term, as some of these facilities are likely to cease to be available in due course of time, and in the short term the distributed way in which resources are stored presents on-going logistical challenges. A facility is needed which allows for easy collection and return of the equipment and materials that are used in the various outreach activities. During 2025 we have looked at various potential storage units but none has yet satisfied all our essential criteria. In the mean-time, during 2025 we have been accumulating funds and some individuals have pledged further contributions for use in the resource centre project if it goes ahead (see the Financial Review section below). This project will be a major focus for 2026.

Achievements and performance

Christian outreach at agricultural shows and town fairs

As in the previous year, we secured pitches at the Abergavenny Shire Horse Show, the Bridgend Country Show, the Pembrokeshire County Show, and the Usk Show. In addition, we secured a pitch and visited the Bedwellty Show for the first time. Also, as in the previous year, we secured pitches at the Spring/May fairs and Winter fairs at Bargoed, Blackwood and Ystrad Mynach. Regrettably, the organisers had to cancel the Bargoed Winter Fair due to inclement weather.

A major focus at these events is the distribution of tote bags overprinted with a Bible verse, and containing literature that presents the Gospel message. These have continued to be very popular, with over 1,000 being accepted some events. The bags have been a talking-point that have led to discussions with visitors about the Gospel, and also with people who are already believers. A recurrent theme has been the opportunity to talk with people who no longer attend a place of worship, offering them encouragement. Due to the acquisition of an additional 3 x 6 metre tent/gazebo, we are now in a position to use the charity's own equipment to set up a 9 x 6 metre structure at most of these events, which has provided a good amount of space for children's craft activities, a literature table, and an area where visitors can sit and chat. This has all contributed to the opportunities for visitors seeking further information about the Christian faith to have relaxed conversations with the volunteers who attend these events. All literature, children's craft activities, etc., is provided to visitors free of charge.

The Spring/May and Winter Fairs are smaller-scale operations, as we are typically granted a "mobile pitch". The focus at these events is the distribution of tote bags and conversations with passers-by, with a small selection of literature being available for those express interest.

We have met some of our visitors on multiple occasions, and there has been the opportunity to develop relationships with them and also with fellow exhibitors and the event

organisers. We are very grateful to the organisers of these shows and events for the opportunity to be present, and for their helpfulness in facilitating our presence.

Preaching, literature and tote bag distribution

We aim to hold a yearly Christmas carol service and Easter outreach in Cardiff city centre, at which relevant material including leaflets and tote bags is distributed, and a brief message is preached, explaining the relevance of Christmas or Easter to the Christian faith. In 2025 it was necessary to cancel the Easter outreach due to inclement weather; however, the Christmas carol service took place as scheduled and there were opportunities to talk with passers-by about the Christmas message.

Monthly open-air meetings have continued in Cardiff city centre when the weather has been suitable. We would estimate that many hundreds of people will have heard some aspect of the Christian message being preached as they have passed by, some accepting literature offered to them, and some stopping to enquire about the Christian faith. We also made our yearly visit to the Abergavenny Food Festival, to stand in the streets and distribute tote bags to passers-by.

Since August 2025 we have had the opportunity to hold a fortnightly drive-in service in a Cardiff car park. This service is streamed online, and it has provided an opportunity for people who would not otherwise encounter us to hear the Gospel message being preached.

During Cardiff University Freshers' Week in September 2025 we visited Cardiff City Centre on two occasions in order to distribute a leaflet that had been prepared specially with students in mind. There were opportunities to talk with students and others about the Christian message.

Some of the above events would not have been possible without permission from the appropriate bodies, and we are grateful to them for their agreement and helpfulness.

Outreach to homeless people

We have a long-standing desire to reach out to homeless people, seeking to provide help for their immediate needs and to share God's love with them. In the other activities described in this report we do not have much contact with such people. Accordingly, our "homeless run" in Cardiff has continued approximately once a fortnight. We have a horsebox that has been converted into a catering unit, which we set up outside a centre for homeless people, and other helpers walk around the city centre. We provide refreshment and clothing to people in need. The people we meet are under no obligation to listen to or talk with us about the Christian message, but there have been many opportunities to talk with people who are in the middle of very challenging and difficult situations, and we have sought to be an encouragement and help to them. On a typical evening we might meet between about 10 and 30 people.

Literature production and acquisition

One of the on-going goals of Truth in a Trailer is to produce literature suitable for use at its outreach events. During the reporting period we produced two new tracts: “Life’s Journey”, for use primarily at the student outreach mentioned above, and a Christmas tract, “God with us”.

We have acquired literature during the year, including literature in Welsh and other languages, with the particular intention of distributing such literature to people whose first language is not English.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £9,496, and an additional £17,800 which was assigned to designated funds (£14,500 for the proposed resource centre project, £3,300 for tote bags to be purchased in 2026). A grant of £8,000 pounds was received from Goodnews Evangelical Mission (GEM) for Truth in a Trailer’s homeless work, plus a further £820 where the individual donors specified that their donations were for this activity, yielding a total of £8,820 restricted funds income for the homeless work. An individual donation of £250 was also received that was restricted to literature. The total of restricted funds receipts was therefore £9,070.

The major purchase during 2025 was 19,600 tote bags, the cost of which to Truth in a Trailer was £10,500. This was funded out of the £10,000 designated fund set aside for this purpose in 2024, plus £500 from unrestricted funds. A further significant cost was a 6 x 3 metre gazebo plus associated fittings (£1,076.16) which means that Truth in a Trailer can now set up structures of up to 9 x 6 metres using its own gazebo frames.

Other expenditure is summarised in the table below.

The net result for the period was an excess of receipts over payments of £18,239, including the restricted funds and the designated funds. With the balance carried over from 2024, the total funds at the end of the year are £30,686: £4,553 unrestricted; £8,333 restricted; £17,800 designated.

In addition to cash donations, we have received donations from individuals, mostly of clothing, for use in the homeless work. We are also grateful to Lifewords for a grant of 50 World War 1 replica Gospels of John, supplied to us free of charge; we had previously purchased these booklets on a number of occasions because they have proven to be of interest to many of the people we meet.

Details of the resource centre project funds are as follows. In addition to the £14,500 assigned to a designated fund during 2025, at the end of 2025, individuals had pledged to make future contributions towards the resource centre project of approximately £130,000. Of this amount, approximately £58,000 would be eligible for gift aid, i.e. a total was pledged of approximately £145,000 including gift aid that it will be possible to reclaim.

We should like to express our gratitude to individuals who have contributed to the funding of Truth in a Trailer and, in particular, to those who provide space for trailer storage, equipment and literature.

Volunteers

Truth in a Trailer does not have any employees. We are grateful to volunteers who participate in running these events, and in the preparation for them. Without their involvement far fewer outreach endeavours would be possible, and they would need to be on a smaller scale. Typically, a team of about 10 to 15 people has participated in most of the events described in this report, with the exception of the homeless outreach, where it was more typical on a given evening for between 5 and 10 volunteers to be present.

In addition to the outreach events themselves, we organise other events from time to time to prepare materials for the various activities. Typically, between 15 and 20 volunteers help at these preparation events.

Structure, governance and management

During the reporting period the Trustees met four times. Truth in a Trailer has three Trustees:

- Stuart David Scammell (Chair)
- Andrew Clifford Jones (Secretary)
- Peter James Barton

The Truth in a Trailer constitution specifies that every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. No trustees resigned or were appointed during the reporting period. As mentioned above, Truth in a Trailer does not have any employees. The Trustees provide their services free of charge to the charity.

Approved by the Trustees on 12th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Stuart Scammell (Chair)



Andrew Jones (Secretary)

Truth in a Trailer
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
TRUTH IN A TRAILER	1208552

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/25		31/12/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations received	9,468	1,070	17,800	-	28,338	12,451
Grants	-	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
Bank interest	28	-	-	-	28	1
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	9,496	9,070	17,800	-	36,366	12,452
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
(None)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,496	9,070	17,800	-	36,366	12,452
A3 Payments						
Fees for event attendance	1,647	-	-	-	1,647	-
Bags	500	-	10,000	-	10,500	-
Literature & other handouts	2,121	226	-	-	2,346	-
Equipment & maintenance	1,097	-	-	-	1,097	-
Homeless supplies	210	511	-	-	721	-
Insurance and other overheads	1,755	-	-	-	1,755	-
Resource Centre project	-	-	-	-	-	-
Banking account operation fees	60	-	-	-	60	5
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,389	737	10,000	-	18,126	5
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,389	737	10,000	-	18,126	5
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,106	8,333	7,800	-	18,239	12,447
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,447	-	10,000	-	12,447	-
Cash funds this year end	4,553	8,333	17,800	-	30,686	12,447

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	4,553	8,333	17,800	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,553	8,333	17,800	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Gazebos	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Trailers	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	Gospel bags	Unrestricted and Designated funds	-	-
	Literature and other hand-outs	Unrestricted and Restricted funds	-	-
	Homeless supplies	Unrestricted and Restricted funds	-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Stuart David Scammell	12/10/2026
		Andrew Clifford Jones	12/10/2026

Approved by the Trustees on 12th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Stuart Scammell (Chair)



Andrew Jones (Secretary)



Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of Truth in a Trailer (charity number 1208552) in respect of an examination carried out on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2025, as set out on pages 6 and 7, comprising a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

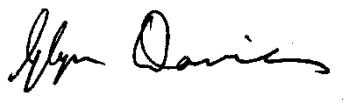
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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



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12th October 2026