CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME
GENERAL DONATIONS
COUNTY DONATIONS - CHRISTMAS GIFTS
LEGACIES
CAREERS WALES RENT
TRANSFERS
BANK INTEREST

TOTAL INCOME:-

EXPENDITURE
TRUSTEE INSURANCE
INSURANCE
WATER RATES
ALARM/MAINTENANCE
HEATING
TELEPHONE
BRANCH DONATIONS
ANNUAL HONORARIUMS
POSTAGE
ELECTRICITY
BLIND DINNERS
COMPUTER/REPAIRS
SUNDRY REPAIRS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
BOILER INSURANCE
BANK CHARGES
BRANCH TRANSFERS

TOTAL EXPENDITURE:-

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE:-

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

FUNDS **£**

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

ACCUMULATED ACCOUNT	
AS AT 31/3/2025	369487
PLUS EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	33812
	403299

REPRESENTED BY:-

PROPERTY - VAUGHAN ST LLANELLI

BANK BALANCES	
COUNTY	152510
TYBIE	2406
TYWI	1494
LLANDOVERY	4534
MYNYDD MAWR	10624
CARMARTHEN	23272
LLANELLI	192641
AMMANFORD	15818
	403299

£
4347
20090
36709
21022
1265
3095
86528

£
373
1573
176
2627
1157
3177
550
800
146
736
1342
2244
2671
31946
380
83
2735
52716

33812

£

410905

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CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

(REGISTERED CHARITY NO:- 219551)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st MARCH 2026

The Trustees present this report with the financial statements of the charity consolidated for the year ended 31st March 2026

The Society serves the Blind and Visually Impaired & Partially Sighted persons throughout the County of Carmarthenshire in South West Wales, by providing annual gifts and considers requests for various aids and assistance.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Society, I have pleasure in presenting the 166th Annual Consolidated Report. May I place on record the Society's most sincere thanks, appreciation and best wishes to everyone for the work they have done over many years and continue to do so on behalf of our Visually Impaired members.

May I thank all our Branch Secretaries & Treasurers for their tremendous support.

Sincere thanks to everyone on the Executive Committee for their continued support and also to the local Committees who do excellent work for the Blind Welfare within their respective Areas and also throughout the County.

Many thanks to you all.

Once again, I am pleased to report another successful year for our Society in general, with a total excess of income over expenditure of £33,812 being demonstrated for the year. The Society's overall assets still remain extremely healthy which will hold us in good stead going forward when making distributions to our blind and partially sighted members.

As mentioned in previous years, some of our smaller branches are still finding it increasingly challenging, what with some of their elderly volunteers retiring early due to ill-health and the inability to find ready replacements.

Despite having these reduced numbers, however, I am still confident that our valuable work will continue.

All Branches continue to support our Visually Impaired members with their respective Christmas Gifts which are contributed throughout the year. It is evident that many of our Branches have increased the monetary amounts of these gifts and every effort will be made in future, to consider further increases as appropriate.

This will indeed prove very important going forward, especially when we consider the present challenging financial restraints that we are all experiencing in our daily lives.

It was also pleasing to note that some of our Branches continue to receive support by way of collection boxes in local shops, churches/chapels and rugby clubs and that they are still able to treat their members to dinners twice a year.

Unfortunately over the last year, it has been increasingly difficult to keep our Llanelli Resource Centre open on a regular basis. This position has further deteriorated and has now come to a head and it is with a heavy heart that the Society has now decided to place the property on the market for sale.

We appreciate that the commercial market for the sale on town centre properties can be challenging at the present time. However, we remain optimistic that a sale can be secured in the very near future, which will then strengthen the future financial viability of our Society and ensure that we can continue to support our visually impaired members to a greater degree.

In summary, therefore, it has been a very productive and enjoyable year once again and I have great pleasure in presenting this report to you.

ALAN JONES - (HONORARY TREASURER to the COUNTY; LLANELLI and CARMARTHEN BRANCHES)
Marlan
Spittal
Haverfordwest
Pembrokeshire
SA62 5QP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND

MEMBERS OF THE CARMARTHENSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

(REG. CHARITY NO:- 219551)

I report on the Consolidated Accounts of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society for the year ending 31st March 2026. Copies of these Accounts are set out on the following pages:-

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees/Members of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society and the Examiner, in accordance with the Instructions from the Charity Commission re:- The Charities Act.

As Trustees/Members of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society, you are responsible for the preparation of Accounts and it is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Carmarthenshire Blind Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

I confirm to the Trustees and Members that the records of all Relative Documents, the Income & Expenditure Account, the Ledger and Balance Sheet, are all accepted. In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any respect, the requirements are not fulfilled.

All Accounting Records are kept as required by the Charity Commission Act.

Accounts are prepared and met and comply to the Accounting requirements of the Act.

WENDY JONES Bsc (Tech) Hons

Inspector/Auditor

(25/09/2026)