



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date	Period end date	
From	1st April 2024	31st March 2025	To

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name YSTRADOWEN COMMUNITY & SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Other names charity is known by YCSA

Registered charity number (if any) 515414

Charity's principal address

Ystradowen Village Hall	
Cowbridge Road, (Behind White Lion Public House)	
Ystradowen, Cowbridge.	
Postcode	CF71 7SY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr. John Phillips CBE	Trustee		The General Committee of YCSA.
2	Mr. David Thursfield	Trustee & General Committee Member		The General Committee of YCSA.
3	Mrs Felicity Quance	Trustee & General Committee Member.		The General Committee of YCSA.
4	Mr Roderick Howells	Chairman		
5	Mrs Helen Drane	Hon. Secretary		
6	Mrs Sian Jenkins	Hon Treasurer		
7	Mrs Corinne Roberts	Joint Booking Secretary		
8	Mrs Keris Howard	Joint Booking Secretary		
9	Mr Alan Jackson	General Committee Member		
10	Mr Christopher Howard	General Committee Member (co-opted fund raiser).		
11	Mrs Moira Howells	General Committee Member		
12	Mrs Hilary Hill	General Committee Member		
13	Mrs. Jane Jones	General Committee Member		
13	Mr David Bennett	General Committee Member	September 2024	
18	Ms. Beth Cook	General Committee Member	January 2025	

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
As stated above.	As stated above

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal advisers and Solicitors.	Hugh James (NB New Advisers)	2 Central Square, Cardiff, CF10 1FS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

No paid staff.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	The vote of the General Committee.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees have all been made aware of their responsibilities as set out on the Charity Commission Website.

No specific training has been undertaken by the Trustees.

YCSA continues to have an insurance policy in place to cover the potential liabilities of the Trustees. The current insurance policy covers all risks until 30th June 2025 and will be renewed from 1st July 2025.

The Constitution of YCSA was brought up to date at the 2023 AGM on 24th May 2023. The re-amended Constitution has been notified to the Charity Commission. No further changes have been made to the Constitution during 2024 – 2025.

YCSA is a member of the Glamorgan Voluntary Services charity. We use this to identify potential sources of grant funding and to generally keep up to date with legislation. We also maintain excellent working relationships with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Penllyn Community Council.

The main risk of concern at the end of 2023 – 2024 was the condition of

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the waterproofing to the flat roof of the Village Hall building. This risk has been alleviated during 2024 – 2025 by replacing the waterproofing. This will be reported later in this report under "Green Energy Project". We have policies in place to ensure that we comply with the law and recognised good practise.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Ystradowen and District by associating with Local Authorities, voluntary organisations, and inhabitants in a common effort to advance the education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving life for the said inhabitants.
2. To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (Village Hall) and to maintain and manage or co-operate with any local authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its' constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objectives.

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2024 - 2025 has been a busy, productive and successful year for YCSA,

Hall Hire

The Hall hire continues to be the mainstay of our operations and income for the year 2024/ 25 has again reached the highest level ever with a hire income of £19,804. As can be seen from the financial report, the hire income for 2023 – 24 was £18,990

New customers continue to be attracted to our hall and we have retained all our established customers during the year.

We now have 46 regular Hall users.

As in previous years, our special thanks are due to Corinne Roberts and Keris Howard, and now Helen Drane, who expertly jointly manage all the Hall Hire activities.

Events

Community Cinema

Our Community Cinema has continued with monthly showings and has enjoyed another very successful year generating an income of £2,139 by comparison with £2,679 last year. . More importantly, the Cinema has continued to attract large audiences and it has become an excellent gathering for socialising and making new friends. We thank Tony and Stella Cheeseman and their brilliant team for organising and operating the Community Cinema.

Other successful events have been held, including the following:

Oktoberfest

This new event was introduced by a new Committee Member – David Bennett, who organised a brilliant event. This will definitely be repeated for future years. This event made a loss of £104 on an income of £630 but this loss was due to setting up costs – this will be recouped in future years.

Fireworks Night

Another very successful and well attended fireworks display was held on 2nd November 2024. This event yielded a profit of £1,149 on an income of £2,261 (2023 24 £2,090). This event was professionally and safely managed by Alan Jackson, Fiona Silver and Chris Kipling.

Quiz night

This was organised by Alan and Moira Jackson was held on 19th October 2024. We were challenged by our excellent local Quizmasters -Richard and Christine Green.

This event was very enjoyable, well attended and it produced a surplus of £377 on an income of £523.

Childrens Christmas Party

Another very successful Childrens' Christmas Party was arranged by a ladies sub-committee. This was well attended and very successful. The children enjoyed a magic show, Father-Christmas, and a party meal. The event generated an income of £547 and a surplus of £50.

Wine Tasting

This event was re-introduced this year and took place on 23rd November 2024. It was organised by a new volunteer – Mr Jack Russell and expertly conducted by Richard Ballantyne of The Noble Grape (Wales only Master of wines). This event made a profit of £173 on an income of £455.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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Petanque Club

The Pétanque court was built in 2018 as part of our RCDF funded Annex and Parc Owain project.

The Ystradowen Pétanque Club (YPC) keep separate accounts to YCSA and the YPC accounts are not included in the YCSA accounts.

The Club continues to be very popular and goes from strength to strength each year..

Chris Howard is the Chairman of the Pétanque Club.

Whilst the main objective of everything we do at the Village Hall, it is to bring the community together in an enjoyable way, it is pleasing to note that we generally achieve profits which strengthen the financial health of our charity. All profits are of course used solely for the benefit of the community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

1. YCSA have continued to maintain the Ystradowen Village Hall to a high standard.

The major project undertaken during the year 2024 – 25 was the “Integrated Green Energy Project.” This project was reported as an aspiration in the 2023/2024 report and this was converted into reality this year by securing the necessary grants. This project entailed installing:

- Additional insulation and new waterproofing to the roof.
- 30KVA of solar panels on the new roof.
- 29KVH of solar storage batteries.
- 2 x 12KVA Air Sourced Heat Pumps, renewal of all radiators and plumbing..
- A 15m2 storeroom extension,
- Ancillary works including a new all electric cooker to replace our redundant gas cooker.

The overall cost of this project during the year was £132,804 which was predominantly funded by grants comprising:- £94,059 from Welsh Government; £20,000 from the National Lottery Fund and £7,500 from the OFGEM Boiler Upgrade Scheme.

All essential elements of the project were completed during the year 2024/2025, only leaving minor contingency works (to the value of approximately £6,000 to be continued into 2025/2026.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The project has achieved the following:

- Making YCSA substantially independent of grid provided fossil fuel generated energy.
- A saving of 2000T of CO2 of atmospheric discharge per year.
- A financial saving of an estimated £5,500 per year in energy costs.
- Insulating YCSA from future energy price increases.
- Improving YCSA's Energy Performance Certificate rating from C rating (64) to A+ rating (-5) as a result of the insulation and Green Energy installations.
- The installation has already produced 85% self sufficiency in the 2 months since commissioning on February 20th 2025 and this will significantly improve as weather conditions improve through the year.

All the routine maintenance activities have continued to high standards with the main stay activities being hall cleaning (£3,400) (2023/24 cost was £3,505), and gardening by Nick Phillips (£1,880), (2023/24 cost was £2,347)

The maintenance of all electrical, gas, plumbing, fire equipment and security alarms etc have continued to be managed by YCSA.

As mentioned previously, the historic main concern was the cost of replacing our aging waterproof membrane to the flat roof. This concern has been eliminated by the renewal of the waterproofing membrane under the Green Energy Project.

Pathway 21, led by Rose Ives and Mavis Burnham continue do a fantastic job of looking after the beautiful community gardens that they have created within Ystradowen

2 As mentioned above, YCSA have been very successful in securing grants this year for the "Integrated Green Energy Project" with a total of £121,559 being secured as follows:

Funder	Amount	How the funding was Spent
Welsh Government	£94,059	Integrated Green Energy Project
National Lottery Fund	£20,000	Integrated Green Energy Project
Ofgem "BUS" grant	£7,500	Integrated Green Energy Project
TOTAL	£121,559	

Once again YCSA are grateful to our Grants Officer - Chris Howard who has secured all the grant funding, and thanks go to the generous grant funding bodies.

Grant Making Policy

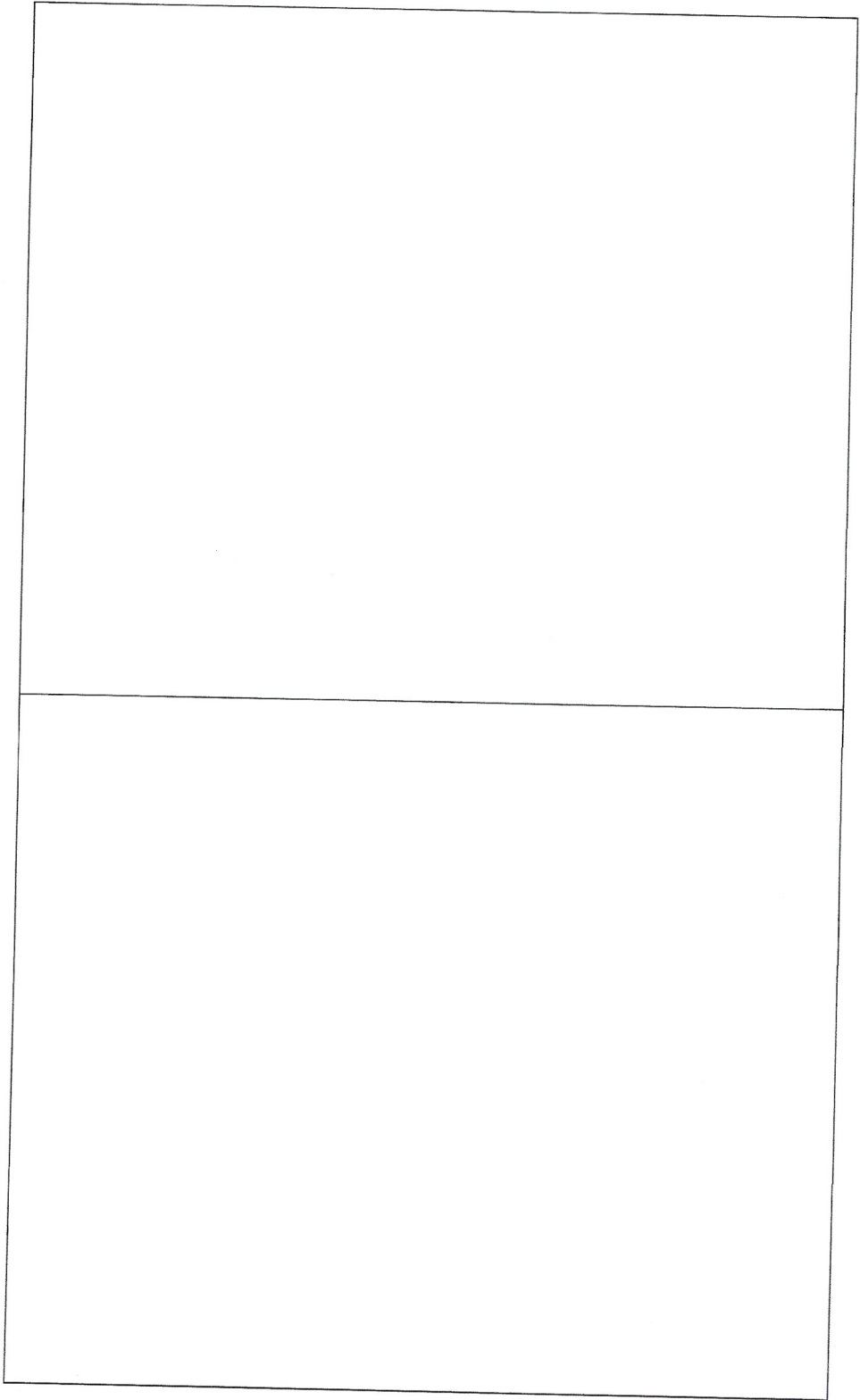
YCSA does not provide grants to other organisations, but provides facilities at a very affordable cost where the residents of Ystradowen and district can enjoy a wide range of events and activities.

YCSA actively seeks grants to support its' operations and to fund specific community projects.

The Role of Volunteers

YCSA has no paid staff and relies exclusively on unpaid volunteers to manage its' activities

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements of YCSA are as stated above in Section C

Once again, thanks are due to everyone on the YCSA Committee and all the volunteers, for everything that has been achieved in Ystradowen since 1985, when YCSA was established.

Ystradowen has become a wonderful place to live and to bring up a family, and the facilities provided by the Ystradowen Community and Sports Association are a major factor in that achievement.

It should be realised that everything described above is carried out on a voluntary basis, and that our funding is a combination of self-generated funding; and grant funding which is secured by the skill and hard work of our Grants Officer Chris Howard.

The achievements of YCSA is a major factor in the creation the sense of value, responsibility pride and well-being for all the residents of Ystradowen.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

YCSA policy is, to successfully generate and maintain sufficient financial reserves to enable the maintenance and running costs of the Village Hall and related facilities.

YCSA also aim to use our reserves (above the minimum levels defined by our Constitution), together with any grant funding, to enhance existing facilities and to continue to develop new facilities.

All spending is deployed entirely for the benefit of the residents of Ystradowen and District.

A total income of £152,542, including £121,559 of grant funding, (the total income for 2023/24 was £34,826), was generated during the year, producing a deficit for the year of -£3,184 (by comparison with a profit of £3,338 in 2023 - 24). HOWEVER, it should be noted that £11,000 of YCSA reserved was contributed towards the "Integrated Green Energy Project", so the real result for the year was a profit of £7,816 for 2024/25.

It should also be noted that assets to the value of £114,715 have been added during the year 2024/25, and that these assets will produce savings in energy costs of upwards of £5,500 per year for the next 20 years or so, which is the anticipated useful life expectancy of the Green Energy assets.

It should be noted that we have estimated future costs of £6,000 needed to complete the remaining ancillary works needed to finalize the Green Energy Project. YCSA have no other known forward liabilities for 2025/26.

A detailed commentary on the financial outcome of the various activities undertaken by YCSA during 2024 – 25 is provided in Section C of this report.

YCSA's cash reserves at 31st March 2025 were £58,154 (£61,339 at 31/03/24).

As reported above, it should be noted that £11,000 has been used towards the Green Energy Project and grant funded assets to the value of £114,715 have been added during the year.

This level of reserves provides a secure basis to deal with the future replacement of assets, and the maintenance of our buildings and equipment.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any

YCSA's funding streams continue to primarily be the revenue raised from hiring out the Village Hall to residents, voluntary organisations, and commercial hirers. We also seek to raise income from fund raising events.

The revenue is used to maintain and renew our facilities as necessary, and to consolidate our financial reserves with any residual surplus.

In addition to the above funding, YCSA are continually seeking appropriate grant funding for specific projects and, to augment our revenue streams.

The grant funding obtained during 2024 – 2025 is explained in detail within section C of this report.

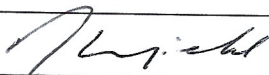

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DAVID THURSFIELD	FELICITY QUANCE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	25 th April 2025	

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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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					
Hall Hire	19,864.38	-	-	19,864.38	18,990.73
Events Income	4,417.75	-	-	4,417.75	5,737.93
COMMUNITY Cinema Income	2,139.68	-	-	2,139.68	2,678.99
FAMILY Cinema Income	-	-	-	-	-
Grant income					
Grant 1 income- WDA Green Energy	-	94,059.00	-	94,059.00	864.50
Grant 2 income- Lottery Green Energy	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	3,000.00
Grant 3- R&S Energy Solutions	-	7,500.00	-	7,500.00	2,420.00
Grant - Transfers between accounts for Green Energy	2,789.29	-	-	2,789.29	-
Grant 5	-	-	-	-	-
Grant 6	-	-	-	-	-
Grant 7	-	-	-	-	-
Grant 8	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Incl. donations.	337.01	-	-	337.01	520.00
Interest Earned	1,435.31	-	-	1,435.31	-
Pathway 21 Income	-	-	-	-	614.50
Stock	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,983.42	121,559.00	-	152,542.42	34,826.65
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,983.42	121,559.00	-	152,542.42	34,826.65
A3 Payments					
Community Cinema costs	1,292.18	-	-	1,292.18	1,600.27
Family Cinema costs	163.88	-	-	163.88	-
Events costs	2,873.39	-	-	2,873.39	3,831.49
Cleaning	3,400.03	-	-	3,400.03	3,505.16
Water, Gas, Electric & Broadband	4,247.27	-	-	4,247.27	3,312.87
Stationery, postage & printing	426.53	-	-	426.53	276.40
Repairs and Maintenance excluding gardening	3,067.10	-	-	3,067.10	1,649.87
Insurance	1,814.14	-	-	1,814.14	1,436.60
Grant Payments (excluding Asset Purchases):	2,789.29	6,843.08	-	9,632.37	2,128.03
Gardening	1,880.00	-	-	1,880.00	2,346.99
Stock	-	-	-	-	-
AGM	235.57	-	-	235.57	99.94
Misc Costs	551.56	-	-	551.56	495.67
Pathway 21 Costs	181.59	-	-	181.59	179.91
Sub total	22,922.53	6,843.08	-	29,765.61	20,863.20
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Asset Purchases	-	-	-	-	10,625.08
Roof and Insulation	-	35,380.65	-	35,380.65	-
Heat Pumps, radiators, hot water, plumbing	11,245.32	19,365.56	-	30,610.88	-
Solar panels, Inverter and batteries	-	36,392.55	-	36,392.55	-
Store	-	18,978.16	-	18,978.16	-
Cupboards	-	3,500.00	-	3,500.00	-
Cooker	-	1,099.00	-	1,099.00	-
Sub total	11,245.32	114,715.92	-	125,961.24	10,625.08
Total payments	34,167.85	121,559.00	-	155,726.85	31,488.28
Net of receipts/(payments)	(3,184.43)	-	-	(3,184.43)	3,338.37
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,339.01			61,339.01	58,000.64
Cash funds this year end	58,154.58			58,154.58	61,339.01

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	YCSA Current Account	2,606.72	-	-
	Business Premium Account (Saver)	54,982.71	-	-
	RCDF Current Account (now renamed Grants a/c)	265.55	-	-
	RCDF Saver Account (Now renamed Pathway 21)	299.60	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,154.58	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets				

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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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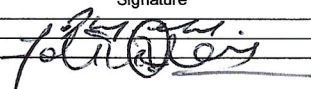
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Hall Building	Unrestricted	167,269	546,364
Land	All unrestricted	9,816	10,000
Fixtures & Fittings (See asset Register)	All unrestricted	3,500	3,500
			-
			-
			-
			-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Invoices expected but not yet received		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	David Thursfield	25 th Apr-25
	Felicity Quance	25 th Apr-25

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of
The Ystradowen Community and Sports Association
Charity No. 515414**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Receipts and Payments Accounts of the Ystradowen Community and Sports Association for the year ended 31st March 2025, as prepared for the Charity Commission,

Responsibilities and basis of the report.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts, carried out under Section 145 of the Act. 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 during the course of my examination giving me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. The accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with these accounting records.

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

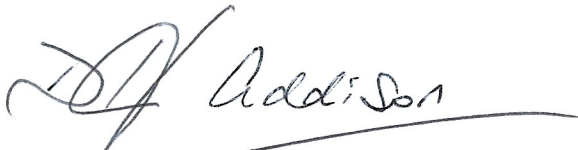
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