NEATH PORT TALBOT CVS

CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023

25 Years of Supporting, Promoting, and Developing the Local Voluntary Sector

OUR IMPACT ACROSS NEATH PORT TALBOT

Our Annual Impact Report highlights the positive differences we have made to communities across Neath Port Talbot during the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Neath Port Talbot CVS is the umbrella organisation for the Third Sector in Neath Port Talbot. We work with the sector to strengthen communities and to change lives. We campaign for, support, and develop voluntary organisations, community action and volunteering in Neath Port Talbot.

We have 375 members and are in touch with many organisations through a wide range of local, regional, and national networks, all making a real difference in Neath Port Talbot. We would not be able to do this without the support of our funders and partners.

Neath Port Talbot CVS is a member of Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW), a partnership comprising County Voluntary Councils, Volunteer Centres and Wales Council for Voluntary Action. Together, we support Wales' vibrant Third Sector by working to specifications agreed with Welsh Government.

For more information about Neath Port Talbot CVS' activities and membership details, please visit www.nptcvs.wales
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FOREWORD



DR EDWARD ROBERTS MBE DL CStJ FRCGP
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my privilege to present our Annual Report for the year 2022-2023, which is also our 25th Annual Report. As Chairman, I am delighted to share the progress and achievements of our organisation over the past year as we continue to support, promote, and develop the Third Sector here in Neath Port Talbot and to make a positive impact through the work that we do.

I begin by thanking my Board colleagues for their wisdom, insight, and guidance in governing the organisation. I also pay special tribute to our late Board colleague, David Davies, who was a Trustee for 21 years, 8 of those as Chairman. David's contribution to the organisation will never be forgotten.

The past year has continued to test the resilience and adaptability of our organisation, and of the wider community and voluntary sector. We have in recent years navigated through turbulent times, including the Covid-19 pandemic, which has impacted people's perceptions of the workplace and introduced new methods of working going forward. Throughout, the organisation has demonstrated fortitude, agility, innovation, and a spirit of collaboration. I am proud that Neath Port Talbot CVS has remained steadfast in its commitment to its core values and strategic objectives.

This Annual Report serves as a record of the commitment and hard work of our Director, staff team, volunteers, and supporters. It is through their collective efforts and unwavering commitment that we have been able to maintain our place as a key partner, working hard for sustainability and growth.

Within this report, you will find information on our financial performance, key projects, and the positive impact we have made on the lives of communities and individuals. We have continued to participate in strategic partnerships, strengthen our operational efficiency, and maximise our reach and impact.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we remain focussed on the future. We must continue to evolve in response to a fast-changing world and adapt to the ever-changing needs of our beneficiaries and communities. The challenges that lie ahead require us to be agile, innovative, and proactive.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our members, volunteers, partners, the Director and staff for their unwavering commitment and support. We look forward to your continued partnership and support as we embark on new endeavours in the year ahead. Together, we embrace the future with determination and a shared commitment to achieve better things for our communities.



INTRODUCTION



GAYNOR RICHARDS MBE DL LLD (Hon)
DIRECTOR

I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2022-2023. Whilst celebrating our achievements for this past year, I also reflect on the remarkable journey of our organisation and the impact we have collectively made on the groups, organisations, individuals, and the lives of those in need, over the past 25 years. During that time, we have grown, extended our reach, strengthened our impact, and provided vital support which has touched countless lives, and helped empower individuals, groups, and communities to build a better future.

As Director, I am privileged to lead a team that is dedicated to our mission of creating positive change and to working with partners who together want to strengthen our communities.

The past year has been a testament to our unwavering commitment and determination to help those who need our support while adapting to the evolving needs of our members and communities. This report provides a detailed view of our achievements, projects, and financial performance over the past year. It demonstrates what can be done together in making a real difference through collective action and the transformative potential of the work we are involved in, particularly across Third Sector Support Wales' (TSSW) strategic pillars: sustainable funding; volunteering; engagement and influencing; good governance.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity and support of our members, partners, funders, and volunteers. Your continued support in bringing opportunity, hope, and dignity for individuals is critical as we face the challenges before us. The need for our collective support has never been greater. CVS remains steadfast in its commitment to collaboration, transformation, prevention and seeking solutions that address the root causes and impacts of poverty, inequality, and the cost-of-living crisis.

Other challenges and opportunities must also be embraced including advances in digital technology, and the growth in Artificial Intelligence (AI). As a sector, we must make sure that we maximise the benefits of global developments as well as the very exciting local economic developments such as the Celtic Freeport.

I acknowledge with gratitude the hard work and dedication of our staff, volunteers, funders, and partners - past and present - and each one of you for your invaluable support and trust in our organisation. Your partnership has enabled us to create lasting change and bring hope to those that need it most. Together, we can make a meaningful difference. Thank you for staying with us on this remarkable journey of compassion, resilience, and hope.



THE YEAR IN BRIEF

Focussing on business and service delivery continuity and sustainability, we delivered our core activities under Third Sector Support Wales' (TSSW) four strategic pillars: sustainable funding; volunteering; engagement and influencing and good governance. We worked with key partners locally, regionally, and nationally to provide information, advice, and guidance to community groups, organisations, and individuals.

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

£3,800,000 of funding obtained by groups following advice.

£595,226 of funding provided through grant schemes administered by the organisation.

204 organisations supported to access funding.

VOLUNTEERING

380 individuals supported with volunteering.

44 organisations supported with volunteering good practice.

ENGAGEMENT AND INFLUENCING

62 Third Sector forums or networks supported.

98 strategic planning/working groups involving Third Sector representation.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

30 new groups established of which 7 have been supported to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

190 groups supported to strengthen their governance.

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

SECTION 1

We worked with community groups and organisations to access funding made available through a range of funding sources as well as administering and distributing grants for the sector.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

£3,800,000 of funding obtained by groups following advice.

£595,226 of funding provided through grant schemes that we administered.

204 organisations supported to access funding.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Funded by Pen y Cymoedd Windfarm Community Fund CIC, we delivered the Supporting Communities project which:

- Helped 48 groups to secure £412,000 from the Pen y Cymoedd community fund.
- Provided safeguarding training across the fund area, with 12 groups attending.
- Worked in partnership with Interlink RCT and Coalfields Regeneration Trust to support 13 community buildings in the Afan and Neath Valleys, to undertake energy audits on their buildings to highlight what can be done to assist with sustainability.
- Produced a What's On Guide for local children and young people, highlighting the range of locally available activities to help address increased levels of youth related anti-social behaviour.
- Delivered three Basic Bid Writing courses. Comments from the 17 individuals who attended included the following:

"Very good course, particularly for community groups."

"Very informative and opened up more information that I was unaware of."



Set up 11 Neighbourhood Networks in Neath, Afan and Pelenna, creating opportunity for local groups to build relationships with others. This included:

- Dyffryn Community Garden Association met with Cymmer Afan Community Library and Gilgal Community Organisation to enable excess produce from the garden to be shared with the local Food Bank and the Coffee & Breakfast Club.
- Vale of Neath Food Bank supporting Glynneath Tea Rooms to serve 168 free breakfasts for local families during the summer holidays.
- Neurological Rehabilitation Wales linking with Resolven AFC in identifying additional outreach venues for their services.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND

We worked with the sector to secure £500,000 from the UK Community Renewal Fund to deliver a grant scheme for Third Sector organisations. The funding enabled:

217 training courses to be delivered.

424 people to gain a qualification.

60 new services/projects to be created.

18 new jobs to be created and 63 jobs safeguarded.



CASE STUDIES

Upper Afan Valley Fresh Start

The group, which supports adults with learning disabilities, received £3,600 to deliver an informal learning programme promoting independent living skills including healthy eating, nutrition, IT, travel training, money management, cooking and growing your own fruit and veg. As a result, all 8 beneficiaries are now enrolled on an Entry Level Healthy Eating course with Neath Port Talbot Adult Learning in the Community.

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

Canolfan Maerdy

An anchor organisation for the Upper Amman Valley, providing a multifunctional community hub as part of a collaborative effort to regenerate the once vibrant local economy. Having received £18,500 from the CRF Third Sector Grant Scheme, Canolfan Maerdy was able to offer new youth and community work internships as well as safeguard an exisiting Youth Leader post. Two local residents were employed as interns and embarked upon a comprehensive programme of training inlcuding NVQ Level 2 in Youth Work, Emergency First Aid and Food Safety. The training was opened to other staff and volunteers within the organisation and a total of 20 qualifications were obtained through a series of 8 training courses.

The interns had a focus on youth work, providing opportunities for local young people to improve their confidence, skills and knowledge alongside their peers. 35 young people participated in workshops covering a wide range of topics including: Staying Safe Online, Confidence Building, Sexual Health, Substance Use, Nutrition & Healthy Cooking.

"We wish to thank the Third Sector Grant Scheme for allowing us to employ, train and offer a wonderful range of experiences for two new members of staff and also safeguarding the role of our Youth Leader who currently runs a very popular and much needed youth provision, which now has 95 members and runs 3 nights a week. The experience gained during the Internships has been highly valuable for the individuals involved. Having these new positions has enabled us as an organisation to strengthen and develop our services in the community to a different level."



Ffynnon Oer Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund (provided by Ventient Energy)

We administered £68,226.86 through the Ffynnon Oer Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund to 16 voluntary groups in the fund areas of the Neath and Afan Valleys. The Benefit Fund supported a range of community activity including local celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, increasing access to food for families in Resolven through Siop Y Ddraig Goch, improving the independent living skills of adults with learning disabilities in the Croeserw area, reducing the isolation of women from Glyncorrwg in a series of social crafting sessions, improving the local environment through volunteer groups in both Cymmer and Glyncorrwg, and improving facilities at Resolven Park.

VOLUNTEERING

SECTION 2

The volunteering landscape changed during the pandemic. During the year, we witnessed a national volunteering crisis with many volunteers stopping their volunteering due to age, vulnerability, caring responsibilities, and the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. However, volunteering remained a core function of our support and a critical part of civic society. Public services, statutory partners and private businesses have started to develop their own strategic approaches to volunteering. Our communities and local groups depend on those giving their time freely to enable the delivery of services and support throughout the area.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Supported 380 individuals with volunteering.
- Supported 44 organisations with volunteering good practice.
- Facilitated 4 Volunteer Managers' Peer Support Group meetings attended by 49 volunteer involving organisations.
- Worked with education providers and Third Sector organisations to create opportunities for Welsh Baccalaureate students.
- Organised in partnership with Neath Port Talbot BME Community Association to deliver a volunteer awards ceremony which highlighted 30 Unsung Heroes in Neath Port Talbot.

OUR VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS

Workways +

Workways + aims to help people build a better life by helping people into employment. The project offers volunteering, training, and paid work opportunities. During the reporting year, the volunteering elements of the project:

- Supported 22 individual volunteers.
- Worked with 21 organisations to develop volunteering good practice.



VOLUNTEERING

SHINE Project

The SHINE (Support to Help your Independence via Nurturing and Empowerment) Project came to an end during this financial year. Funded by Neath Port Talbot Council, the project provided much needed emotional and practical support to children, young people, and families by linking them with a volunteer befriender. The project:

- Recruited 36 volunteers providing 7,488 hours of volunteering time.
- Supported 40 children, young people, and families.
- Delivered 42 training sessions to prepare and develop volunteers.
- Delivered 19 outreach sessions at a local secondary school.

Neath Port Talbot Youth Fund

The fund supports young volunteers (aged 14-25) to be part of a youth-led grant panel, which allocates funding to local groups to develop youth-focussed volunteering opportunities. Applications are assessed on the project's ability to make a positive contribution to the seven wellbeing goals outlined in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and applicants are encouraged to reflect on the five ways of working. The panel:

- Supported 4 young volunteer grant panel members.
- Distributed £4,960 to 5 local groups resulting in the development of 69 new volunteering opportunities for young people.

Regional Volunteering Project

During the year, we worked with Swansea CVS to support the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership to develop a regional approach to volunteering. This included:

- The delivery of workshops with six partners which led to the development of a Regional Volunteering Strategy.
- Bringing together Volunteer Managers from Neath Port Talbot and Swansea to strengthen the way volunteers are safeguarded.
- A thank you event to volunteers during Volunteers' Week.
- Working with care homes to understand the value of involving volunteers and Third Sector organisations.
- Supporting volunteers involved in the partnership who have lived experiences of health and social care services.

SECTION 3

The organisation organised and facilitated Third Sector forums and networks, providing an opportunity to bring groups, organisations, and individuals together. We engaged at a strategic level locally, regionally, and nationally with key partners to influence policies, strategies, planning and provision that impact on the Third Sector.

CONSULTATIONS

- We supported the Welsh Government's engagement and pre-consultation activity with communities by holding 2 engagement sessions to gather the views of the sector on the development of the refreshed Child Poverty Strategy for Wales.
- We responded to Welsh Government's Consultation on the Constitutional Future of Wales.
- We organised a Third Sector consultation event to gather views on the Council's Corporate Plan, Recover, Reset, Renew 2022-2027.

HEALTH BOARD'S THIRD SECTOR SERVICES FRAMEWORK

We supported the Health Board to co-produce its procurement process for Third Sector services by:

- Recruiting 3 Third Sector representatives to sit on the Third Sector Services Steering Group to oversee the recommissioning process.
- Providing one-to-one support to voluntary organisations to support them through the due diligence process to be listed on the Third Sector Services Framework.
- Producing a suite of resources to support the sector with the procurement process including step-by-step guides and policy templates.
- Arranging delivery of a free 2-hour Managing Quality Online Training Workshop to support organisations joining the Framework with the quality assurance aspect of the due diligence process. The course was fully booked and attended by 17 organisations.
- Supporting 96 organisations from the region to apply and pass the due diligence stage.
- Hosting a series of 'Have Your Say' engagement sessions enabling community and voluntary organisations, patients, service users, carers, and individuals to share their views on the services the Health Board commission from the Third Sector.

ENGAGEMENT AND INFLUENCING

THOSE INVOLVED SAID:

"The support offered during the application stage to join the Framework was greatly appreciated. This was the first time I have made an application of this nature and the follow-on support made the whole process very clear to understand. Being aware that these support networks are in place is reassuring."

"It was so beneficial to have the support it took away a lot of the stress from the process and we felt very supported in our application, thank you."

"The CVS staff were very helpful in informing us how best to approach the form and helped us with our policies."

"Provided excellent oversight, with key consultancy support and interpretation of the PPQ process."



GOOD GOVERNANCE

SECTION 4

We provided information and support to organisations to focus on business recovery. We provided support to trustees to increase their confidence, skills, and knowledge, and gave intensive support to organisations on financial planning and sustainability.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 30 new groups established of which 7 have been supported to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- 190 groups supported to strengthen their governance.
- 25 groups receiving in depth support to strengthen their governance.



QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (QAVS)

Equivalent to an MBE, the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) is the highest award given to local voluntary groups in the UK. It is awarded for life. In our area, Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall was successfully nominated for this prestigious award, which it received at a celebration event in October 2022.



INFORMATION, ADVICE AND TRAINING

SECTION 5

We provided Third Sector organisations, trustees, volunteers and paid staff with the information, advice and training they need to deliver services and support to their communities, beneficiaries, and service users.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- We provided 558 organisations with direct advice and guidance.
- We supported 97 organisations to access specialist advice and guidance.
- We delivered 4 member-exclusive awareness sessions.
- We delivered 11 training courses to 104 participants from local groups and organisations and 4 discrete training sessions to prepare and develop volunteers.



COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

We continue to provide useful information through our website, newsletters, and social media channels. The number of people subscribed to our monthly e-Newsletter increased from 798 to 876.

The website showed:

- An average of 4,706 page views a month, with a peak of 7,239 in June 2022.
- An average of 2,588 sessions (browsing session of a single user) a month, with a peak of 3,994 in June 2022.

Our social media platforms showed:

- Our followers on Twitter increased to 3,910 and on average we tweeted 37 times a month, received 9,145 impressions (the total number of times a tweet was seen) and 2,396 profile visits.
- We averaged 14 new followers a month on Facebook, created 34 posts a month, and reached 7,499 people a month.
- Our followers on Instagram, went up from 570 to 651. We averaged 6 posts a month and reached 152 accounts a month.

4 meetings of the Regional Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Network were facilitated to support dialogue between the Third Sector, Swansea Bay University Health Board and West Glamorgan Regional Partnership.

SECTION 6

MENTAL HEALTH

- During Children's Mental Health week, we held 2 awareness raising sessions, bringing together 11 different agencies so that the community could learn more about the resources and services available to help support children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing.
- We supported the transforming mental health services agenda in West Glamorgan by facilitating workshops at the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Summits.
- We recruited service user representation for the Sanctuary Steering Group, which oversees an out-of-hours service providing practical and therapeutic, holistic person-centred support for people at risk of mental health crisis.
- On World Mental Health Day, we co-facilitated a session on service user voice for the Health Board.
- We held 6 meetings of the Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Forum.



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING

FEEDBACK

A service user on the support provided by the Mental Health Service User Facilitator said:

"I want to thank you for finding the premises for me and taking me there. Also, for keeping your word that you will maintain contact. I thought I was going to be told I would have to finish before I wanted to. However, I carried on… it felt good to be told I had done a good job!"



SOCIAL PRESCRIBING

- 2,754 social prescribing appointments were held with patients across the Afan, Upper Valleys and Neath Clusters.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING SERVICE

- Through our Community Wellbeing Service, we supported 395 individuals to remain in their own homes or with timely discharge from hospital.

CASE STUDY

A referral was received for someone who was being discharged from hospital. There was no food at home, and they were without a bed. We connected with the local Councillor who requested help on Facebook and found someone willing to donate a bed.

We arranged a removal company to pick-up and deliver the bed the following morning and delivered a food parcel to the property. We involved the Council's Community Independence Service to provide ongoing support.

TRANSPORT TO VACCINE CENTRES

- We arranged 125 individual journeys to enable people to travel to vaccination centres.

CO-PRODUCTION

- We worked with regional colleagues to ensure that co-production is embedded across the West Glamorgan Partnership. This included support for individuals to be involved in the process.

SOCIAL VALUE

In partnership with Swansea CVS, we facilitated 2 Social Value Forums.

CARERS

As the regional lead on carers, we supported the work of the West Glamorgan Regional Carers Partnership through:

- Chairing and facilitating 8 meetings of the West Glamorgan Regional Carers Partnership Board to drive forward changes to support for unpaid carers across the region.
- Organising 6 meetings of the carers-led West Glamorgan Carers Liaison Forum to ensure unpaid carers voices were central to the decision making of the Carers Partnership Board.
- Supporting unpaid carers across the region to have their voice heard and use their lived experience to help make positive change, and shape health and care services for unpaid carers through the Carers Liaison Forum.
- Co-producing and promoting a cost-of-living support leaflet and webpage for carers.
- Celebrating the contribution made by unpaid carers to the co-production activities of the Carers Partnership Board. Each carer received a gift voucher on Carers Rights Day as a gesture of thanks.
- Recruiting 2 carer representatives for the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board.
- Increasing the range of short break and respite provision for carers by supporting the allocation of £236,647 of Carers Trust funding.

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- We held an event for the Third Sector on the commissioning of Families First services to provide information on the process for bid submissions.
- We held 4 meetings of the Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum.
- We held 4 meetings of the Neath Port Talbot Youth Providers' Network in partnership with Neath Port Talbot Youth Service.

UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE

We responded to the Ukraine crisis at a local and national level by:

- Supporting Neath Port Talbot Council and other partners to prepare for the arrival of Ukrainian residents within Neath Port Talbot.
- Providing support to Ukrainian residents by signposting them to community activities, self-help groups and volunteering opportunities. Several awareness sessions were arranged for residents such as safeguarding, mental health, domestic abuse and hate crime.
- Supporting local community groups to set up and respond to the needs of Ukrainian residents.
- Working with Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW) partners, Local Authorities and Welsh Government to support the Welsh Government Super Sponsor Scheme.



COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS RESPONSE

In response to the cost-of-living crisis, we:

- Worked with Neath Port Talbot Council to set up and co-chair the Cost-of-Living and Poverty Prevention Partnership.
- Brought together Third Sector organisations through forum meetings and networks, to better understand how the cost-of-living is impacting people in different ways.
- Supported organisations to set up warm spaces and food banks and to recruit new volunteers.
- Set up a designated webpage with information on what support residents could be eligible for, and worked with, unpaid carers to develop a hard copy leaflet to ensure those not online had access to information.
- Liaised with Third Sector Support Wales (TSSW) colleagues and Welsh Government to provide information about how the cost-of-living is impacting people and organisations locally.

OUTREACH SUPPORT FOR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

With funding from the Health Board, we worked with partners to promote access to information, provide guidance on health, education, business, and other issues that disproportionately impact our diverse communities.

- We circulated over 200 messages to participants on the health information WhatsApp group which has 147 participants, updating everyone about health services, vaccine drop-ins and other wellbeing messages.
- We organised and facilitated Resolute Women Chai & Chat, a women's virtual group with 60 participants, which holds discussions, plans events, and offers help and support to its participants.
- 27 face-to-face Chai & Chat sessions were held with each having up to 20 participants.
- We engaged collaboratively with over 50 organisations to raise awareness of their support for diverse communities. Partner organisations included Neath Port Talbot BME Community Association, NPT Mind Kooth, NPTC Group of Colleges, Swansea University, South Wales Police, Tenovus, and the African Community Centre.
- We took part in a community-based feasibility study by Swansea University focussing on the inequalities in the uptake of diabetes screening in the minority ethnic community.
- We collaborated in a research project by the COVINFORM Consortium with Swansea Bay University Health Board and SCVS, which revealed how members of minority ethnic groups coped with challenges presented by the Covid pandemic.

HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING

FEEDBACK

"I am fully vaccinated now and can travel with my family. I really appreciate that you introduced me to different resources to be able to make an informed decision."

"I did not trust medication and I believed in natural remedies such as diet control and exercising. I now understand how to contact my GP and make an appointment and seek the doctor's advice."

"I'm glad I attended the jobs event; I now know there are term-time jobs available locally. I was always thinking how I can find a job that enables me to work around my family. I needed change in my life, but now I am looking for jobs to be more independent. I really appreciate you informing us about services and organisations we can access at Chai & Chat."



WHAT THOSE WE'VE WORKED WITH HAVE SAID

FROM LOCAL GROUPS

"Good news - we got the funding! We are very happy, thanks to your help. Much appreciated!"

"The support that I was offered during the application stage to join the Third Sector Framework was greatly appreciated and provided the exact assistance and support I required to complete my application."

"Huge thank you to NPTCVS for the NPT Youth Fund grant! It is a massive boost towards our Uniform fund and will also pay towards our tumble equipment. Thank you for your assistance with our Volunteering Policy, all your help is much appreciated."

FROM OUR VOLUNTEER-RUN PROJECTS

"I can see a big difference in my son, he is catching the bus and train everywhere thanks to the volunteer."

"My volunteer befriender has been an amazing help over the last couple of months. She has been very understanding and patient."

FROM OUR SOCIAL PRESCRIBER SERVICE PATIENTS

"Thanks for all your help, you've really made a real difference and I appreciate your support."

"Thank you for all the information, I didn't realise all this help was available."

FROM HEALTH COLLEAGUES

"I just wanted to thank you for your help with a recent hospital discharge. The person I'm working with was so grateful for the bed you were able to source, and the delivery driver was so helpful. It really made a difference on the day."

"Staff provided excellent oversight, with key consultancy support and interpretation of PPQ process FAQ's."

FROM MEMBERS

"I really appreciate you informed us about this event in Chai & Chat last Tuesday. We are grateful for having these opportunities to attend."

"Voluntary Voice! What a great little publication."

"You are a star! Thanks so much for going out of your way. Your efforts are a huge relief to me and my group."

TRUSTEES & CHARITY ADMINISTRATION

Neath Port Talbot CVS Board of Trustees 2022-2023

Barbara Cole	St Catwg's Church
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Emma Tweed	Care and Repair Western Bay
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Co-opted Members	Swansea Bay University Health Board - vacant
Treasurer	John Flynn
Auditors	Bevan Buckland LLP Chartered Accountants Cardigan House Castle Court Swansea Enterprise Park Swansea SA7 9LA
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Company Secretary	Mrs Gaynor Richards MBE DL LLD (Hon)
Lifetime President	Mrs Margaret Thorne CBE DL

Independent Auditor's Statement to the Members of The Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service Ltd

Opinion

We have reviewed the summary financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023, which comprise the summary statement of comprehensive income and statement of financial position. The Summarised financial statements are extracted from the audited full annual financial statements, which were approved by the board. The report of the Independent Auditors on the full annual financial statements was unqualified. The summarised Accounts do not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charitable company. A copy of the full annual financial statements and Report of the Trustees can be obtained from the registered office.

Opinion on the summary financial statements:

In our opinion the summary financial statements are consistent with the full annual financial statements of The Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service for the year ended 31st March 2023.

We have not considered the effects of any events between the date on which we signed our report on the full annual financial statements, and the date of this report.

Respective responsibilities of the board and the auditor

The board is responsible for preparing the summarised annual report in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statements against the full annual financial statements and Report of the Trustees.

We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies within the summary financial statements.

We conducted our work in accordance with ISA (720) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the charitable company's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements and on the Report of Trustees.

Alison Vickers (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Bevan Buckland LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
Swansea SA7 9LA

The Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2023 (Co. No. 03341466)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Charitable activities	271,342	1,278,181	1,549,523	1,441,564
Other trading activity	24,216	-	24,216	33,932
Investment Income	11,624	-	11,624	5,090
Total	307,182	1,278,181	1,585,363	1,480,586
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities	184,903	1,585,874	1,770,777	1,253,024
Total	184,903	1,585,874	1,770,777	1,253,024
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	122,279	(307,693)	(185,414)	227,562
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES):				
on revaluation of investment property	-	-	-	34,500
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	122,279	(307,693)	(185,414)	262,062
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	1,329,642	838,063	2,167,705	1,905,643
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,451,921	530,370	1,982,291	2,167,705

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

The Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service Ltd

Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2023 (Co. No. 03341466)

	2023 £	2022 £
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant & equipment	405,249	395,827
Investment property	120,000	120,000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	67,715	49,036
Cash and cash equivalents	1,516,435	1,779,108
	1,584,150	1,828,144
CURRENT LIABILITIES	(127,108)	(176,266)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1,457,042	1,651,878
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,982,291	2,167,705
NET ASSETS	1,982,291	2,167,705
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	1,451,921	1,329,642
Restricted funds	530,370	838,063
TOTAL FUNDS	1,982,291	2,167,705

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.22	Net movement in reserves	At 31.03.23
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	106,013	(971)	105,042
Designated funds	1,080,000	121,500	1,201,500
Designated capital funds	23,629	1,750	25,379
Designated capital funds investment property	120,000		120,000
	1,329,642	122,280	1,451,921
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	465,866	(315,366)	150,500
Restricted capital funds	372,198	7,673	379,870
	838,063	(307,693)	530,370
	2,167,705	(185,414)	1,982,291

Designated Funds Represent:	£
Critical costs	325,000
Maintaining core activities and staff development	731,500
ICT equipment reserve	30,000
Major Repairs	115,000
	1,201,500
Designated Capital Spend	145,379
	1,346,879

Critical costs represents contingency planning for the critical costs to support the charity's medium term objectives.

The charity has designated at least four months of running costs.

The other designated funds represent planned spend which will be defrayed in the medium term.

The restricted capital fund balance of £379,870 (2022 - £372,198) represents the net book value of the buildings and equipment that have been purchased through a restricted grant. The transfer out of this reserve represents the depreciation charge for the year.

The Designated Capital Spend fund reflects the value of monies spent on the tangible assets which have not been funded out of grant income. This balance represents a spend out of the general funds.

Unrestricted funds - this fund represents the general unrestricted funds of charity available to be spent for any of the purposes of the charity. Transfers to and from this fund are the balancing entries for the transfers noted above within designated and restricted funds.

MILESTONES

1997
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service established – initial team of four staff. Mrs Margaret Thorne appointed as Chair and Gaynor Richards as Director

1997
Signing of the Compact between Neath Port Talbot Voluntary Sector and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

1999
Launch of the Compact between Neath Port Talbot Voluntary Sector and Neath Port Talbot Local Health Group

2000
Launch of Voluntary Sector Overarching Forum

Building work starts on 17-21 Alfred Street

2001
Opening of Tŷ Margaret Thorne

2002
Queen's Jubilee Visit to Margam Park

2003
300th Member of Neath Port Talbot CVS

2004
Launch of new Third Sector Forum Structure

2005
Year of Volunteering

Launch of Neath Port Talbot CVS website

Mrs Margaret Thorne is advanced to a CBE in Queen's Birthday Honours

Signing and relaunch of the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Neath Port Talbot Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership Agreement

Official opening of Number 36 Alfred Street

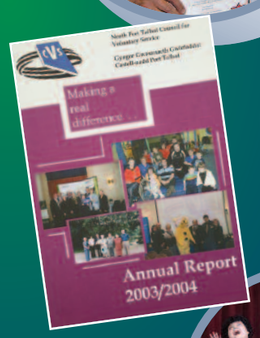


















MILESTONES

2008
Gaynor Richards, Neath Port Talbot CVS Director is made an MBE

Opening of the extension at Tŷ Margaret Thorne

2009
Re-organisation of Health Board boundaries; ABMU Health Board is formed

2010
Launch of the Regional Third Sector Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Network

2011
European Year of Volunteering

2012
Restructure of Neath Port Talbot CVS Forums

2013
Ospreys Volunteering Day in the local community

2013
Gaynor Richards starts her term of office as High Sheriff of West Glamorgan

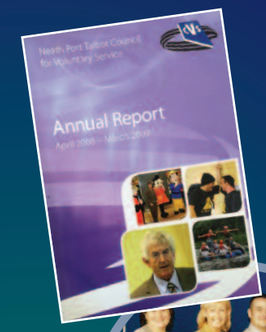
2014
Mrs Margaret Thorne CBE DL becomes Lifetime President of Neath Port Talbot CVS

David Davies JP elected Chairman of Board of Trustees

2015
Launch of the South Wales Police Compact with the Voluntary and Community Sector

2016
Signing of the renewed Compact between the Local Authority and the Voluntary and Community Sector in Neath Port Talbot

2017
Creation of Third Sector Support Wales





















MILESTONES

2018
A partnership with Interlink RCT secured funding from Pen Y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund CIC to work in partnership with local leaders and communities to ensure that the fund brings about positive and long lasting change

2019
We received £100,000 from the Foundational Economy Challenge Fund for a social enterprise project for low level domicillary care and support

2020
Supported the community anchor organisations in their reponse to the COVID 19 Pandemic. We also co- ordinated sourcing of PPE for the Third Sector and transportation to vaccination centres as well as redesigning our befriending project to meet the needs of beneficiaries during lockdown

2021
We worked with the Local Authority in their reponse to the Skewen Flooding incident and developed a mental health toolkit and a fundraising appeal to help those affected

2022
We participated in the formation of the partnership with the council and others to support the crisis following the war in Ukraine















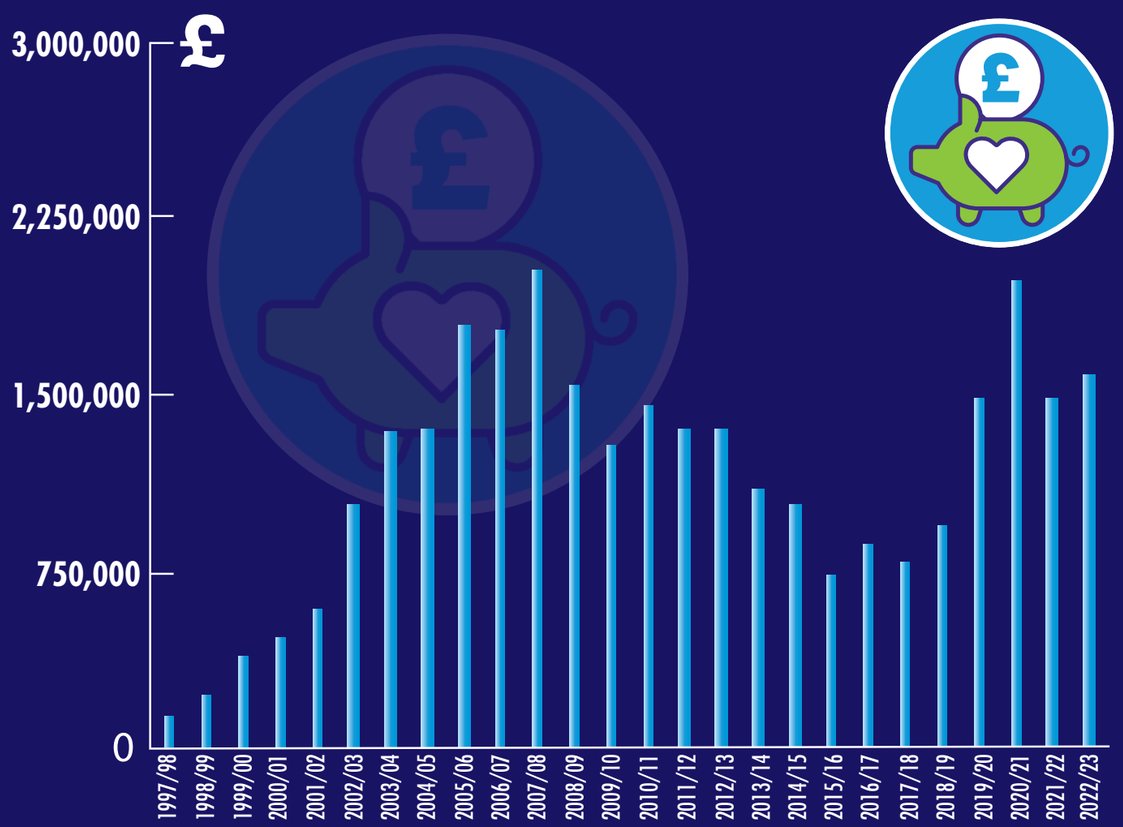






MILESTONES

INCOME FOR EACH YEAR



OVER THE 25 YEARS, WE HAVE:

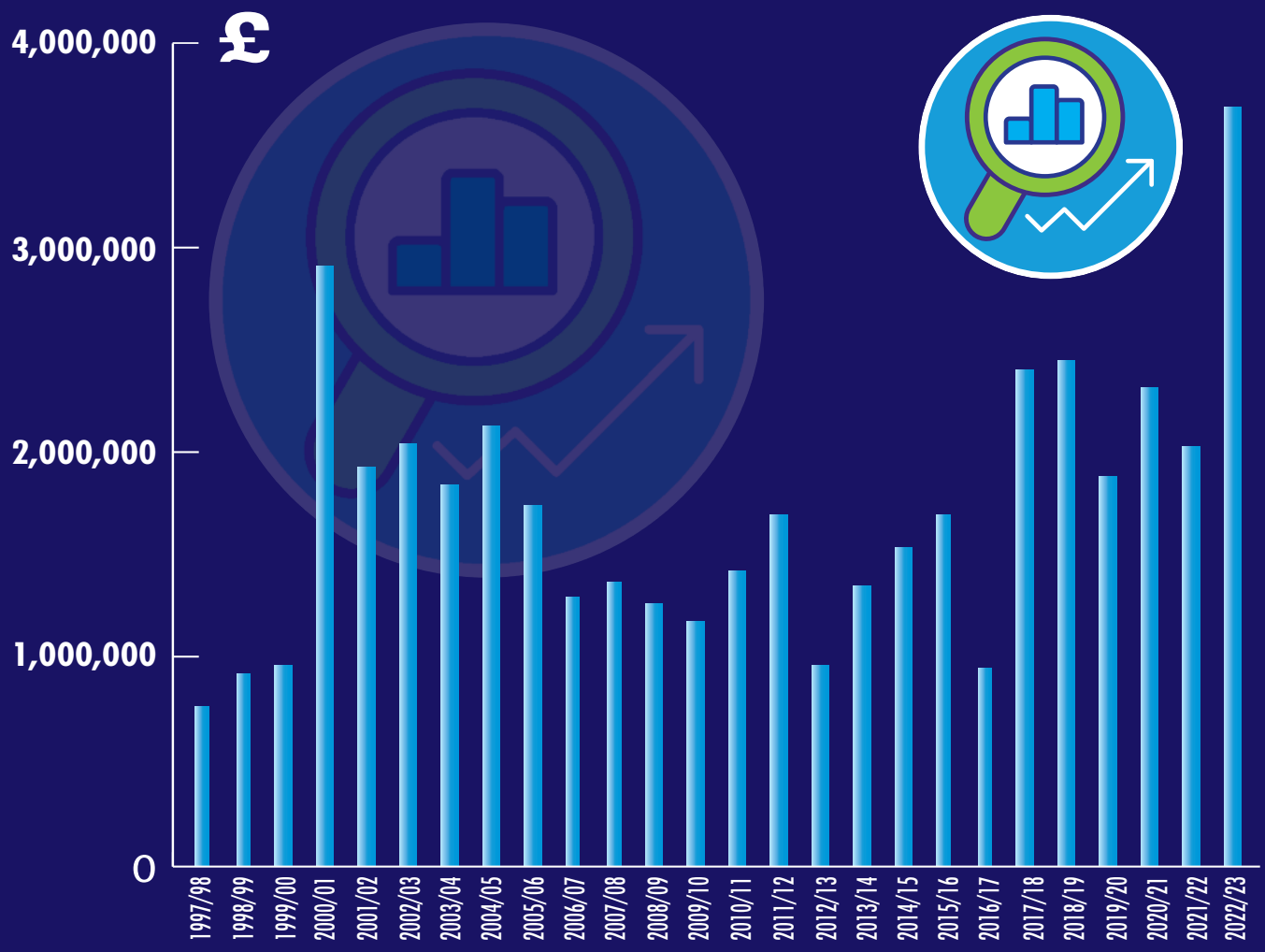
Had a total income of
£30,107,148

OVER THE 25 YEARS, WE HAVE:

Worked with
11,090 Groups

MILESTONES

AMOUNT OF MONEY BROUGHT INTO AREA



OVER THE 25 YEARS, WE HAVE:

Brought in an additional

£46,308,529

into Neath Port Talbot

OVER THE 25 YEARS, WE HAVE:

Helped to establish

772

new groups and services