



Swansea Canal Society

Cymdeithas Camlas Abertawe

# Trustees' Summary Report and Accounts

## for the year 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021

The Society continues to maintain a close relationship with the Canal and River Trust, (CRT) who are the owners of the extant portion of the canal. We are also a member of the Inland Waterways Association (IWA), and liaise with a large number of other local and national bodies over the canal and its restoration including local councils, Swansea Bay Inland Waterway Partnership, the Neath and Tennant Canals Trust and Sustrans.

The Society is currently financially sound. The main current risks to the society are associated with accidents both during our maintenance and restoration work and relative to our canoe operation. These are mitigated by a close attention to safe practices combined with the proper levels of insurance, measures which have resulted in no significant problems.

The Society continues to advance its work to revitalise the canal -

- Funding:

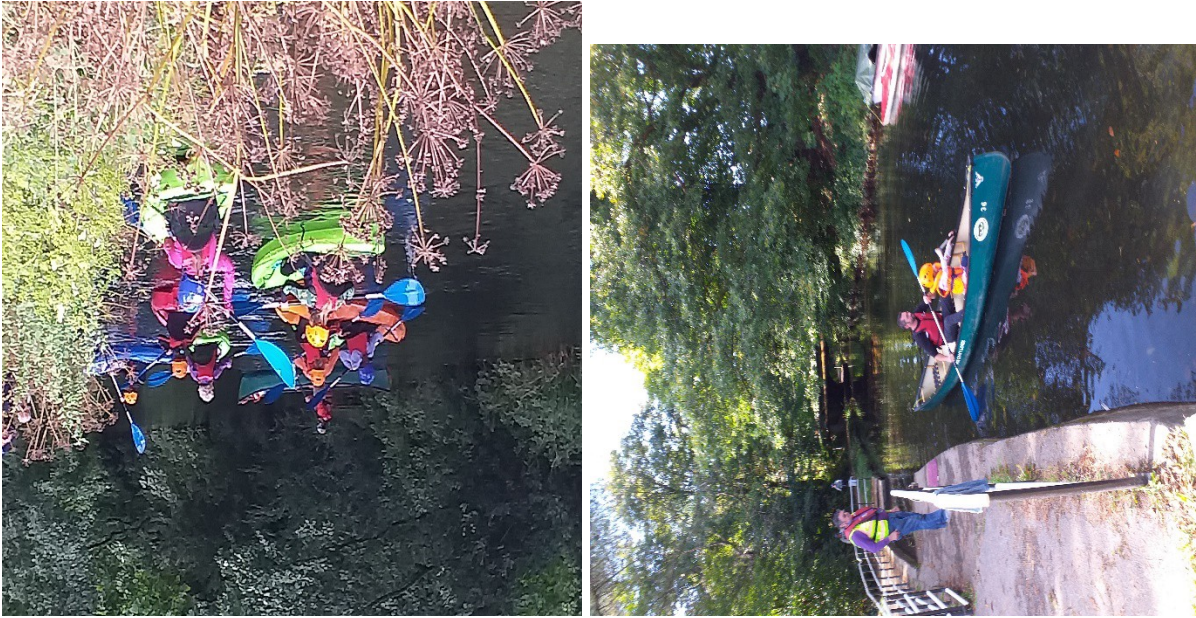
The society has purchased derelict retail premises in Clydach town centre for conversion as a base for water sports and as a community hub. Funding came from the Welsh Government “Transforming Towns” programme administered by Swansea Council. Match funding was generously provided by Vale Europe Limited, plus Clydach Community Council and Welsh Water. A further grant has been approved by Transforming Towns towards the refurbishment and fitting out costs. Application will be made for match funding and for additional finance as soon as all the necessary consents, surveys, etc. are in place.

- The Hidden Lock, Clydach, Phase two:

The Swansea Canal upstream of the buried Clydach Lock will be reopened to create a mooring basin for a trip boat, together with a lock by-wash and portage ramps for canoeists. A substantial grant has recently been approved by the Welsh Government Visit Wales “Brilliant Basics Fund”. Part of the match funding has been offered by Swansea Council and we are awaiting the outcome of further applications.

- Canoes and Kayaks:

Our Community Canoe and Kayak Hire Project would have entered its 7th season at Easter 2020, but due to Covid restrictions and lock down it didn't reopen until August. We were open every Sunday throughout the months of August and September, utilising a variety of Covid precautions, including sanitising all equipment after use, prior to re-hiring. The usual Youth Group hire couldn't go ahead due to Covid restrictions but the society did manage a Canoe Wales "She Paddles" event in August.



- Waterway Recovery Group:

Due to Covid restrictions the proposed WRG camp was cancelled.

- Green Flag Community Award:

We were excited to receive the Green Flag Community Award for the fifth consecutive year. This award was given in recognition of the value of the canal as a green space and of the outstanding work done by our volunteers.

- Birds and Bats:

Several bird and bat boxes, constructed by our volunteers, were installed in various locations along the canal. It is pleasing to note the number of birds that moved in during the breeding season.

- Volunteer Activities:

The cornerstone of the Society's endeavours continued to be the hours worked every Tuesday. However, during the year 2020/2021 the world was hit by a pandemic that meant that work was curtailed for large periods during the year. When work was allowed, it

continued come rain or shine. The work ranging from litter picking, through bank repairs to building a wall for a garden in the Hidden Lock site. The team of local, regular volunteers was at times split during the year, due to Covid restrictions, where the groups worked within their own counties.



- “Happy to Chat” benches, made from recycled plastic were purchased with a grant from NPTCBC Members Community Fund. These will be placed along the canal in Trebanos, when covid restrictions allow. The Society is indebted to Councillor Rebeca Phillips for instigating, facilitating and encouraging the project.



### **The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**

- In December of 2019 the society was nominated for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. Winners of the award are to be announced in June 2020. This award is the highest award that can be achieved by volunteers, equivalent to an MBE. The society was informed in June 2020 that they had won the award.
- Our long-term aim continues to be the joining up of the Swansea, Neath and Tennant canals together with the Tawe River navigation to form a 35-mile navigation waterway. The Swansea Bay Inland Waterway Partnership, of which we are a very active member, met online at intervals throughout 2020-21 to pursue this aim. Every project on the Swansea Canal helps to bring this vision little closer to reality.

**SWANSEA CANAL SOCIETY**

**Summary Accounts for the  
Year Ended 5th April 2021**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				-	
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds				-	
Voluntary Income	1,272	95,000		96,272	40,894
Activities for Generating Funds	348			348	819
Investment Income	81			81	190
Incoming resources from Charitable Activities	1,253			1,253	3,337
Other Incoming Resources				-	2,145
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	2,954	95,000	-	97,954	47,385

**RESOURCES EXPENDED  
(NOTES 4-8)**

Cost of Generating Funds	-			-	-
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	- 26			26	-
Fundraising Trading Costs				-	-
Investment Management Costs				-	-
Charitable Activities	928	2,095		3,023	38,096
Governance Costs	2,540			2,540	5,451
Other Resources Expended	752			752	261
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	4,194	2,095	-	6,289	43,808

**NET INCOMING/  
(OUTGOING) RESOURCES**

**BEFORE  
TRANSFERS  
Adjustment  
s**

- 1,240	92,905	-	91,665	3,577
-			-	
- 473	473		-	-
			-	
			-	
- 1,713	93,378	-	91,665	3,577

**GROSS TRANSFERS  
BETWEEN FUNDS**

**NET INCOMING/  
(OUTGOING) RESOURCES**

**BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED  
GAINS/(LOSSES)**

**OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/  
(LOSSES)**

Gains and Losses on  
Revaluation of Fixed  
Assets for the Charity's Own  
Use

Gains and Losses on  
Investment Assets

-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
			-	
- 1,713	93,378	-	91,665	3,577
			-	
11,040	30,690	-	41,730	38,153
9,327	124,068	-	133,395	41,730

**NET MOVEMENT  
IN FUNDS**

**TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT  
FORWARD**

**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED  
FORWARD**