DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP (DOWHG)

(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER; 1131782)

FINANICAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Examination of Accounts

DOWHG is a registered unincorporated charity and as such is regulated by the Charity Commission (CC) and Charity law. DOWHG Constitution requires the Group to comply with current CC requirements on examination and audit. For the year ending 2024 DOWHG had less than £25k in income and therefore an independent examination is not required (the CC requires charities with an income of over £25k but under £1m to be 'examined' by a 'competent person'), but DOWH decided to have an independent examination. Alan Vincent Kift of [redacted] kindly agreed to undertake the examination of these accounts

Reserves Policy

The CC requires charities to have a reserves policy. DOWHG has a written policy which explains the reasons for the reserves and sets them at £1,300.

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Rosemary Brotherton
Treasurer

Statement by Independent Examiner

In connection with my examination undertaken in accordance with CC requirements and guidance, no
matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

AVKift 24/4/2025.

Examiner

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DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP – ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

	2023 -2024	2024 -2025	2024 -2025 Banking			2024-2025	2024 -2025 PROJECT FUNDS						2024 -2025 BRANCH FUNDS in General account						NOTES
	Actual	Actual	NatWest		PayPal	General	DOWH	Spreadsheet	Edeirnion	Beddgelert	Denbigh	Conwy	Anglesey	Caerns	Conwy	Denbigh	Flintshire	Merioneth	1
			Current ac	Reserve ac		Fund	Project Funds	Project R	Project R	Hist Soc R	Tesco R	Tesco R	Branch R	Branch R	Branch R	Branch R	Branch R	Branch R	
B/F from previous year	**16,916.62**	**14,756.67**	**416.88**	**14,339.79**	**-**	**3,409.55**	**7,013.85**	**756.00**	**137.20**	**-**	**953.93**	**311.48**	**843.82**	**380.49**	**100.00**	**780.35**	**-**	**70.00**	
		2024 -2025 TRANSACTIONS																	
RECEIPTS																			
Subscriptions	2,322.38	2,618.74	2,618.74			2,618.74													
Donations	47.37	0.01	0.01			0.01													
Events/Visits	-	-	-			-													
Marketing	-	-	-			-													
Website, Zoom, IT etc	-	155.03	155.03			155.03													16
Interest	239.79	228.59	-	228.59		228.59													2a
Gift Aid	513.66	795.76	795.76			795.76													3
Newsletter	-	-	-			-													
Miscellaneous	2.01	-	-			-													
Transfer of funds			500.00	3,900.00															2b
DOWH Projects Fund	15.00	-	-				-												4
Houses Spreadsheet Project	-	-	-					-											5
Edeirnion Project	3,300.00	-	-						-										6
Beddgelert History Society		633.48	633.48							633.48									7
Denbigh Tesco		-	-								-								8
Conwy Tesco	-	-	-									-							9
Anglesey Branch	-	-	-										-						
Caerns Branch	715.82	73.00	73.00											73.00					
Conwy Branch	100.00	-	-												-				10
Denbighshire Branch	-	-	-													-			
Flintshire Branch	-	-	209.00														209.00		
Merioneth Branch	-	60.84	60.84															60.84	
			-																
TOTAL	**7,256.03**	**4,565.45**	**5,045.86**	**4,128.59**		**3,798.13**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**633.48**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**73.00**	**-**	**-**	**209.00**	**60.84**	
PAYMENTS																			
Events/Visits/Meetings	-	-	-			-													
Marketing	-	-	-			-													
AGM	29.79	-	-			-													
Website, Zoom, IT etc	276.19	598.36	598.36			598.36													16
Newsletter	188.22	75.16	75.16			75.16													16
Other Publications	44.00	-	-			-													16
Insurance	90.00	75.00	75.00			75.00													11
Mileage	-	-	-			-													12
Secretary's Expenses	-	-	-			-													13
General Admin	221.06	-	-			-													14
Miscellaneous	32.01	30.00	30.00			30.00													15
Transfer of funds			3,900.00	500.00															2b
DOWH Projects Fund	-	-	-				-												4
Spreadsheet Project	-	-	-					-											5
Edeirnion Project	8,387.50	-	-						-										6
Beddgelert History Society		304.80	304.80							304.80									7
Denbigh Tesco	-	-	-								-								8
Conwy Tesco	147.21	70.15	70.15									70.15							9
Anglesey Branch	-	100.00	100.00										100.00						
Caerns Branch	-	36.25	36.25											36.25					
Conwy Branch	-	-	-												-				10
Denbighshire Branch	-	-	-													-			
Flintshire Branch	-	-	-														-		
Merioneth Branch	-	-	-															-	
		-																	
TOTAL	**9,415.98**	**1,289.72**	**5,189.72**	**500.00**	**-**	**778.52**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**304.80**	**-**	**70.15**	**100.00**	**36.25**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	
TOTAL Receipts-Payments	**-2,159.95**	**3,275.73**	**-143.86**	**3,628.59**	**0.00**	**3,019.61**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**328.68**	**0.00**	**-70.15**	**-100.00**	**36.75**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**209.00**	**60.84**	
	NatWest	PayPal																	
Balance B/F 1 April 2024	**14,756.67**	**-**	**416.88**	**14,339.79**															
Balance C/F 31 Mar 2025	18,241.40	0.00	273.02	17,968.38	0.00	**6,429.16**	**7,013.85**	**756.00**	**137.20**	**328.68**	**953.93**	**241.33**	**743.82**	**417.24**	**100.00**	**780.35**	**209.00**	**130.84**	
CASH HELD AT BRANCHES																			17
Anglesey	100.00	115																	
Caernarfonshire	73.00	0																	
Conwy	186.00	95.52																	
Denbigh	171.00	311																	
Flintshire	60.84	0																	
Merioneth	30.84	0																	
TOTAL	**621.68**	**521.52**																	

DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP - ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2025			
Monetary Assets:			**NOTES**
Cash at Bank and in Hand	Current Account	273.02	
	Reserve Account	17,968.38	**2**
	PayPal	0.00	**1**
Cash at Branches		521.52	**17**
Total Monetary Assets		**18,762.92**	
Represented by Funds:			
Unrestricted Funds:			
	General Funds	6,429.16	**1**
Designated Funds:			
	Branch Funds (deposited centrally)	2,381.25	**10**
	Branch Funds (held locally)	521.52	**17**
	Project Fund (minus Reserves)	5,713.85	**4**
	Reserves	1,300.00	
Restricted Funds:			
	Houses Spreadsheet Project	756.00	**5**
	Edeirnion Project	137.20	**6**
	Beddgelert History Society	328.68	**7**
	Denbighshire Tesco Project	953.93	**8**
	Conwy Tesco Project	241.33	**9**
TOTAL FUNDS		**18,762.92**	
Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities			
Assets:	Projector purchased 2017	0.00	**18**
	Screen purchased 2017	0.00	**18**
	Hard Drive (Webmaster) purchased 2021	18.25	**18**
	New HP scanner purchased 2024	304.80	**18**
Debtors:		0.00	
Creditors:		0.00	
TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS		**323.05**	

NOTES:

1. The day-to-day running of the charity is shown under 'General Fund'. The General Fund may be used for any purpose within the Constitution. 'Branch Funds' are funds raised by Branches but deposited with the Group for safe keeping and they are 'restricted'. The Trustees have 'designated' the Projects Fund (proceeds from fund raising) to be used on projects, publications and Reserves. Grant aided projects are 'restricted' and the funds may only be used for the purposes they were given to DOWH. Receipts and Payments for these projects are shown in the Tables below (see notes 4-8). Because of the General Data Protection Regulations personal information has been removed and recipients of payments, etc. are available on request. The Trustees have access to this information.
   DOWH has opened a new PayPal account.
   DOWH has ceased using Square for online payments, as the relationship became difficult. DOWH is now using Stripe for online payments. This is proving to be very successful, as Debit Cards are now accepted in addition to Credit cards.
2. DOWH has a NatWest Reserve account which is an interest-bearing account.
   a. The interest is paid into the reserve account.
   b. These are the global figures of the money transferred between the accounts. There is a detailed table of the transfers available.
3. Gift Aid for the financial years 2022/23 & 2022/24 was claimed in this financial year.
4. 'Project Fund' contains proceeds from fund raising to be used on projects, publications and covering the reserves policy. The funds are not used for the day-to-day running of DOWH – See Table 1.
5. This is a 'restricted' project to update and digitise DOWH management information on houses visited. Permission has been received from the 'Fund' for the remaining amount to be used for Phase 2 of the project, which had not been mentioned in the original application – See Table 2.

6. This is a ‘restricted’ project’ which has just received a grant for the work on houses in Edeirnion – See Table 3.
7. This is a new ‘restricted’ fund. Cymdeithas Hanes Beddgelert History Society ceased to exist and gifted all their funds to DOWH. With their permission some of the money was used to purchase a flat-bed scanner to digitise much of DOWH’s administration paper documents. -see Table 4.
8. This is a local ‘restricted’ project being run by the Conwy branch – see Table 5.
9. This is a local ‘restricted’ project being run by the Denbighshire branch – see Table 6.
10. Funds raised by Branches, but deposited centrally for safe keeping and are ‘restricted’.
11. The cost of insurance decreased this financial year, as we now have a digital subscription to BALH.
12. No mileage has been claimed, as DOWH uses Zoom for meetings
13. In December 2024, the secretary resigned and a new secretary was elected, but neither have claimed any expenses. However, there is still an allocation in the draft budget.
14. General Admin includes stationery, printer inks, stamps, and other consumables. No claims this year.
15. Miscellaneous includes Membership Fees to other organisations, Course Fees and retirement gifts.
16. The day-to-day running costs have again decreased from last year. There have been 4 issues of the newsletter, but the cost of the March 2025 edition is in the 2025/26 accounts. Therefore, the figure in these accounts is for 3 editions only. There have been no further print runs of the DOWH leaflet. Website costs have increased, as it is still being changed into a modern format, ready for the Website Manager to hand it over to someone else. Subscriptions are up slightly, but is skewed by a number of members having paid in advance of 1 April (£316.71). DOWH will be again in profit in 2025/26 by continuing with the level of membership, recruiting new to replace those who have left, claiming the current Gift Aid and continuing to encourage members to change their Standing Orders to the current amount.
17. Although not managed centrally, Branches maintain cash funds to pay for room hire photocopying, etc. These funds are part of the assets of DOWHG
18. Assets are straight line depreciated over 5 years.

DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP - TABLES FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

TABLE 1 - DOWHG PROJECT FUND						
DATE		**REASON**	**RECEIPTS**	**PAYMENTS**	**Balance**	**NOTES**
01/04/2021		Brought forward	5,354.43		5,354.43	
24/05/2021		Smile Amazon	8.14		5,362.57	
15/12/2021		Smile Amazon	7.96		5,370.53	
19/01/2022	INV 20 (25%)	Spreadsheet database		498.00	4,872.53	25% of invoice
22/02/2022		Anonymous Donation	2,000.00		6,872.53	
22/02/2022		Smile Amazon	6.58		6,879.11	
		TOTALS	**7,377.11**	498.00		
BALANCE		**6,879.11**				

TABLE 2 - HOUSES SPREADSHEET PROJECT						
DATE		**REASON**	**RECEIPTS**	**PAYMENTS**	**Balance**	**NOTES**
05/01/2021		Marc Fitch Grant	2,250.00		2,250.00	
19/01/2022	INV 20 (75%)	Spreadsheet database		1,494.00	756.00	75% of invoice
		TOTALS	2,250.00	1,494.00		
BALANCE		**756.00**				

TABLE 3 - EDEIRNION PROJECT						
DATE		REASON	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	Balance	NOTES
23/03/2023		Woodtiger Fund Grant	5,224.70		5,224.70	
06/06/2023		VAG Grant	3,300.00		8,524.70	
26/10/2023		Dendro work		2,387.50	6,137.20	Auth JD
09/12/2023		House surveying		6,000.00	137.20	Auth JD
		TOTALS	8,524.70	8,387.50		
BALANCE		**137.20**				

TABLE 4 - CYMDEITHAS HANES BEDDGELERT HISTORY SOCIETY						
DATE		REASON	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	Balance	NOTES
19/12/2024			509.48			
19/12/2024			124.00			
25/02/2025	INV PR&BR2	Purchase of Scanner		304.80		Auth JD
		TOTALS	633.48	304.80		
BALANCE		**328.68**				

TABLE 5 - CONWY TESCO PROJECT						
DATE		REASON	Authorised	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	Balance
19/11/2020		Tesco Grant		1,166.00		1,166.00
16/03/2021		Research			97.00	1,069.00
06/07/2021		Printing			55.80	1,013.20
01/09/2021		Printing			57.60	955.60
01/11/2021		Publishing books			132.20	823.40
21/02/2022		Research			7.00	816.40
22/02/2022		Publishing books			123.72	692.68
25/05/2022	INV2	Research			2.00	690.68
23/09/2022	INV9	printing bpaperback ooks	MD		102.41	588.27
27/09/2022	INV10	NLW - copy			4.00	584.27
13/10/2022	INV17	Booklet Printing			81.70	502.57
09/02/2023	INV 24	Booklet Printing			41.88	460.69
15/02/2023	INV25	NLW copy			2.00	458.69
25/04/2023	INV 2	Conwy visit to Pen Museum			54.00	404.69
03/06/2023	INV5	HH printing			41.25	363.44
01/11/2023	email2	Room hire			10.00	353.44
07/03/2024	email3	Printing			41.96	311.48
27/04/2024	email2	Room Hire			10.00	301.48
11/12/2024	email3	Printing & binding			17.95	283.53
25/03/2025	INV PR&BR3	Room Hire			42.20	241.33
				1,166.00	924.67	
BALANCE		**241.33**				

TABLE 6 - DENBIGH PROJECT					
DATE		REASON	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	Balance
13/05/2019		Tesco Grant	1,000.00		1,000.00
16/01/2020		Photocoping, etc.		31.37	968.63
17/03/2022		Mileage & parking		14.70	953.93
		TOTALS	1,000.00	46.07	
BALANCE		**953.93**			

The trustees declare that they approved this financial report on

It was endorsed by the AGM on

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Janice Dale, Chair **Michael Sharratt, Secretary**