

DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP (DOWHG)

(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER; 1131782)

FINANICAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

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 DOWHG 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 £1,500.

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Rosemary Brotherton
Treasurer

Statement by Independent Examiner

In connection with my examination undertaken in accordance with Charity Commission 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.

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Examiner

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13 / 4 / 2026.

DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP – ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

2025 - 2026 Annual Accounts								
Today's Date	GENERAL FUND					GENERAL FUND		
	2024-2025		2025-2026			2024-2025		2025-2026
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL			ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
31/03/2026								
B/F from previous year (2024-2025)			6,429.16					
RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS			
Subscriptions	2,618.74	2,000.00	2,508.79		Events/Visits/Meetings	-	200.00	-
Subscriptions 26/27			736.69		Marketing	-		-
Donations	0.01		30.00		AGM	-	300.00	214.58
Events/Visits	-		-		Website	598.36	600.00	330.22
Marketing	-		-		New Website			-
Interest Payments	228.59	150.00	200.62		IT			174.48
Website	155.03		-		Newsletter	75.16	100.00	78.86
IT			-		Other Publications	-	50.00	-
Gift Aid (3)	795.76	200.00	410.11		Insurance (11)	75.00	75.00	75.00
Newsletter	-		-		Mileage (12)	-	50.00	-
Miscellaneous	-		-		Subs Refund	-		-
					Secretary's Expenses (13)	-	50.00	-
					General Admin (14)	-	100.00	-
					Miscellaneous (15)	30.00	50.00	140.00
TOTAL	3,798.13	2,350.00	3,886.21		TOTAL	778.52	1,575.00	1,013.14
TOTAL Receipts-payments	3,019.61	775.00	2,873.07					
Total in General Fund 31/03/2025	6,429.16	31/03/2026	£ 9,302.23		Bank Reconciliation			
					All BANKING as at 31/03/2025		18,241.40	
Current balances								
NatWest BANK Current Acc		298.99			General Fund Profit/Loss		2,873.07	
NatWest BANK Reserve Acc (2)		16,209.00			Project Funds Profit/Loss		- 4,422.00	
PayPal		-			Branches Profit/Loss		- 184.48	
	Total	£ 16,507.99			All BANKING as at 31/03/2026		16,507.99	
Current balances	centrally (10)	in Branch (17)			Current balances			
Anglesey Branch R	463.82	200.00			DOWH Project Fund (4)	2,591.85		
Caernarvonshire Branch R	417.24	0.00			Spreadsheet Project R (5)	756.00		
Conwy Branch R	195.52	0.00			Edeirnion Project R (6)	137.20		
Denbighshire Branch R	780.35	343.61			Beddgelert History Society (7)	328.68		
Flintshire Branch R	209.00	0.00			Denbigh Tesco R (8)	953.93		
Merioneth Branch R	130.84	0.00			Conwy Tesco R (9)	241.33		
Total	2,196.77	543.61						

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2026			
Monetary Assets:			NOTES
Cash at Bank and in Hand	NatWest Current account	298.99	1
	NatWest Reserve account	16,209.00	2
	PayPal	0.00	1
	Stripe	0.00	1
	Caxton	0.00	1
Cash at Branches		543.61	
Total Monetary Assets		17,051.60	
Represented by Funds:			
Unrestricted Funds:			
	General Funds	9,302.23	16
Designated Funds:			
	Branch Funds (deposited centrally)	2,196.77	10
	Branch Funds (held locally)	543.61	17
	Project Fund (minus Reserves)	1,291.85	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		17,051.60	
Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities			
Assets:	Projector purchased 2017	0.00	18
	Screen purchased 2017	0.00	
	Hard Drive (Webmaster) purchased 2	0.00	
	HP Scanner purchased 2024	243.84	
Debtors:		0.00	
Creditors:		0.00	
TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS		243.84	

NOTES:

- 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 a PayPal account.
DOWH is using Stripe for online payments. This is proving to be very successful, as Debit Cards are now accepted in addition to Credit cards.
DOWH has a Caxton account for receiving grants in foreign currencies. The money is converted into sterling and sent to NatWest current account.

2. DOWH has a NatWest Reserve account which is an interest-bearing account.
 - a. The interest is paid into the reserve account.
 - b. The global figures for the money transferred between the accounts (including PayPal) are available in a detailed table of the transfers.
3. Gift Aid for the financial years 2024-25 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 'restricted' fund. Cymdeithas Hanes Beddgelert History Society ceased to exist and gifted all their funds to DOWH - 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. We have a digital subscription to BALH, which gives us insurance cover.
12. No mileage has been claimed, as DOWH uses Zoom for meetings
13. The Secretary has not 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 increased from last year. There was an in-person AGM .
17. There have been 4 issues of the newsletter, but the cost of the March 2026 edition is in the 2026/27 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 decreased, but a new Website is in construction and has been paid for by the DOWH Project Fund. Subscriptions are up slightly; but is skewed by a number of members having paid in advance of 1 April 2025 (£316.71) and the subscriptions paid in advance of 1 April 2026 is separated in the accounts (£736.69). DOWH will be again in profit in 2025/26 by continuing with the level of membership, recruiting new to replace those who have left, which will be more efficiently run by the new Website, claiming the current Gift Aid and continuing to encourage members to change their Standing Orders to the current amount.
18. Although not managed centrally, Branches maintain cash funds to pay for room hire photocopying, etc. These funds are part of the assets of DOWHG
19. Assets are straight line depreciated over 5 years.

DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP - TABLES FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

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	
09/03/2026	INV27	Delwedd		360.00	6,519.11	
10/03/2026	INV28	Delwedd		4,062.00	2,457.11	
		TOTALS	7,377.11	4,920.00		
BALANCE		2,457.11				

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	
09/12/2023		House surveying		6,000.00	137.20	
		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		From CHBHS	509.48			
19/12/2024		From CHBHS	124.00			
25/02/2025	INV PR&BR2	Purchase of Scanner		304.80		Auth JD
		TOTALS	633.48	304.80		
BALANCE		328.68				

TABLE 4 - DENBIGH PROJECT						
DATE		REASON	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	Balance	
13/05/2019		Tesco Grant	1,000.00		1,000.00	
16/01/2020		Photocopying, etc.		31.37	968.63	
17/03/2022		Mileage & parking		14.70	953.93	
		TOTALS	1,000.00	46.07		
BALANCE		953.93				

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	IV PR&BR	Room Hire			42.20	241.33
				1,166.00	924.67	
BALANCE		241.33				

The trustees declare that they approved this financial report on 27 April 2026

It was endorsed by the AGM on 16 June 2026

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Janice Dale, Chair

Michael Sharratt, Secretary