

DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP (DOWHG)

(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER; 1131782)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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 £1,300.

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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.

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Examiner

10/5/2024.

DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP – ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

Date	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023 -2024 BANKING			2023 -2024	2023 -2024 PROJECT FUNDS					Books	2023-24 BRANCH FUNDS in General account					NOTES
	Actual	Actual	NatWest Current Acc	NatWest Reserve Acc	PayPal	General Fund	DOWH Project Funds	Spreadsheet Project R	Edeirion Project R	Denbigh Tesco R	Conwy Tesco R	Anglesey Branch R	Caerns Branch R	Conwy Branch R	Denbigh Branch R	Flintshire Branch R	Merioneth Branch R	
31/03/2024																		
B/F from previous year	10,684.24	16,916.62	16,915.61	-	1.01	1,164.60	6,879.11	756.00	5,224.70	953.93	458.69	119.74	128.00	280.49	100.00	780.35	-	70.00
2023 -2024 TRANSACTIONS																		
RECEIPTS																		
Subscriptions	2,241.72	2,322.38	2,322.38			2,322.38												
Donations	11.53	47.37	47.37			47.37												
Events/Visits	-	-	-			-												
Marketing	-	-	-			-												
Interest Payments	-	239.79	-	239.79		239.79												
Gift Aid	243.75	513.66	513.66			513.66												
Newletter	-	-	-			-												
Miscellaneous	14.42	2.01	2.01			2.01												
Transfer of Funds	-	-	8,300.00	22,400.00		-												
Sale of books	45.00	15.00	15.00			-					15.00							
Projects Fund	-	-	-			-												
Houses Spreadsheet Project	-	-	-			-												
Edeirion Project	5,224.70	3,300.00	3,300.00			-		3,300.00										
Denbigh Tesco	-	-	-			-		-										
Conwy Tesco	-	-	-			-		-										
Anglesey Branch	-	715.82	715.82			-		-				715.82						
Caerns Branch	-	100.00	100.00			-		-					100.00					
Conwy Branch	-	-	-			-		-										
Denbighshire Branch	58.86	-	-			-		-										
Flintshire Branch	95.00	-	-			-		-										
Merioneth Branch	-	-	-			-		-										
TOTAL	7,934.98	7,256.03	15,316.24	22,639.79	0.00	3,125.21	0.00	0.00	3,300.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	715.82	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYMENTS																		
Events/Visits/Meetings	47.00	-	-			-		-										
Marketing	-	-	-			-		-										
ACM	-	29.79	29.79			-		-										
Website	-	276.19	276.19			-		-										
Newletter	645.44	188.22	188.22			-		-										
Other Publications	370.27	44.00	44.00			-		-										
Insurance	-	90.00	90.00			-		-										
Mileage	75.00	-	-			-		-										
Subs Refund	36.00	-	-			-		-										
Secretary's Expenses	15.00	-	-			-		-										
General Admin	-	221.06	221.06			-		-										
Miscellaneous	-	32.01	31.00			-		-										
Transfer of Funds	-	-	22,400.00	8,300.00		-		-										
Purchase of books	120.39	-	-			-		-										
Projects Fund	-	-	-			-		-										
Spreadsheet Project	-	-	-			-		-										
Edeirion Project	-	8,387.50	8,387.50			-		-										
Denbigh Tesco	-	-	-			-		-										
Conwy Tesco	233.99	147.21	147.21			-		-										
Anglesey Branch	-	-	-			-		-										
Caerns Branch	14.51	-	-			-		-										
Conwy Branch	-	-	-			-		-										
Denbighshire Branch	50.00	-	-			-		-										
Flintshire Branch	95.00	-	-			-		-										
Merioneth Branch	-	-	-			-		-										
TOTAL	1,702.60	9,415.98	31,814.97	8,300.00	1.01	880.26	0.00	0.00	8,387.50	0.00	147.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Receipts-payments	6,232.38	-2,159.95	-16,498.73	14,339.79	-1.01	2,244.95	0.00	0.00	-5,087.50	0.00	-147.21	15.00	715.82	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Totals @	31/03/2024		416.88	14,339.79	-													
		14,756.67				3,409.55	6,879.11	756.00	137.20	953.93	311.48	134.74	843.82	380.49	100.00	780.35	-	70.00
Balance B/F 1 April 2023	16,916.62																	
Balance C/F 31 Mar 2024		14,756.67																
CASH HELD AT BRANCHES																		
Anglesey	144.70	100.00																
Conwy	57.52	75.52																
Denbigh	280.00	186.00																
Flintshire	54.00	171.00																
Merioneth	60.84	60.84																
Snowdonia/Caernarfonshire	103.84	30.84																
TOTAL		624.20																

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2024			
<u>Monetary Assets:</u>			NOTES
Cash at Bank and in Hand		14,756.67	
Cash at Branches		624.20	
Total Monetary Assets			15,380.87
<u>Represented by Funds:</u>			
Unrestricted Funds:			
	General Funds	3,409.55	12
	Sale of Books	134.74	14
Designated Funds:			
	Branch Funds (deposited centrally)	2,174.66	9
	Branch Funds (held locally)	624.20	16
	Project Fund (minus Reserves)	5,879.11	4
	Reserves	1,000.00	
Restricted Funds:			
	Houses Spreadsheet Project	756.00	5
	Edeirnion Project	137.20	6
	Denbighshire Tesco Project	953.93	7
	Conwy Tesco Project	311.48	8
TOTAL FUNDS			15,380.87
<u>Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities</u>			
Assets:			
	Projector purchased 2017	0.00	
	Screen purchased 2017	0.00	
	Books (all sold)	0.00	3
	New Hard Drive (Webmaster) pur 2021	36.51	18
Debtors:			
		0.00	
Creditors:			
		0.00	
TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS			36.51

NOTES:

1. The General Fund may be used for any purpose within the Constitution. The day-to-day running of the charity is shown under 'Bank'. 'Branch Funds' are funds raised by Branches but deposited with the Group for safe keeping. 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 tried to close the PayPal account, as it has no money, but this proved impossible, so the account has been abandoned.
 - a. In addition, DOWH has opened a NatWest Reserve account which is an interest-bearing account. The interest is paid into the reserve account. These are the global figures of the money transferred between the accounts. There is a detailed table of the transfers available.
2. Gift Aid for the financial years 2020/21 & 2021/22 was claimed in this financial year.
3. The last book has been sold this year. A decision was made not to purchase any more books. Sale of books money has been subsumed into the General Fund for 2024/25.
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 local 'restricted' project being run by the Denbighshire branch – see Table 4.
8. This is a local 'restricted' project being run by the Conwy branch – see Table 5.

9. Funds raised by Branches, but deposited centrally for safe keeping and are Restricted.
10. The decrease in costs for the Newsletter has been achieved by using another source for printing and distribution
11. The cost of insurance increased this financial year.
12. No mileage has been claimed as DOWH uses Zoom for meetings
13. General Admin includes stationery, printer inks, stamps, and other consumables
14. Miscellaneous includes Membership Fees to other organisations, Course Fees and retirement gifts.
15. At the DOWH AGM in June 2023 a new secretary was elected, but has not claimed any expenses. However, there is still an allocation in the draft budget.
16. The day-to-day running costs have decreased from last year. There have been 5 issues of the newsletter, but the change of source for printing and distribution for 4 issues has reduced the cost substantially. DOWH will be again in profit in 2024/25 by claiming more Gift Aid and continuing to encourage members to change their Standing Orders to the current amount. Website costs could also be more, as it is being changed into a modern format, ready for the Website Manager to hand it over to someone else.
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 2024

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	
09/12/2023		House surveying		6,000.00	137.20	
		TOTALS	8,524.70	8,387.50		
BALANCE					137.20	

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
				1,166.00	854.52	
BALANCE		311.48				

The trustees declare that they approved this financial report on 15 May 2024.

It was endorsed by the AGM on 19 June 2024.



Janice Dale, Chair



Alison Montgomery, Secretary