



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	04	2022	To	31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Charity of Richard James Thomas

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1077218

Charity's principal address Penmorfa, Aberaeron, Ceredigion

Postcode SA46 0PA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ceredigion County Council	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal (Internal)	Louise Harries - Legal Services	Cyngor Sir Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, Ceredigion, SA46 0PA
Finance (Internal)	Chris Macey – Finance	Canolfan Rheidol, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion
Estates (Internal)	Andrew Harries – Estates Section	Cyngor Sir Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, Ceredigion, SA46 0PA

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Charity Commission Scheme 11/11/1998
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	N/A as only one trustee but the Council as trustee appoints elected members to its Charity Trustee Committee which take decisions on behalf of the trustee.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>As described above, the trustee has a Charity Trustee Committee which is set up in the Council’s Constitution and which takes decisions for the trustee.</p> <p>All members of the Committee are provided with trustee training when being appointed to the Committee.</p> <p>Any decisions taken by the Committee are actioned by officers of the Council.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is:

- (1) The provision and maintenance of museums in Wales, for the exhibition to the public of a collection of objects of antiquity, local history, natural history, art, archaeology or science (including pictures, books and documents of regional, educational or scientific interest);
- (2) The extension, enhancement, conservation and maintenance of the objects comprised in the said collection; and
- (3) The provision of facilities for education and research relating to the said collection.

Yr Hen Gapel Tre'r Ddol is held by the trustee under this trust to be used as a museum in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Yr Hen Gapel has been used as a museum and for storage since 1999 in furtherance of its objects.

Unfortunately, the condition of the building is damp and deteriorating with storage being overcrowded posing a risk to Council employees and the collection. Whilst the Council's Perthyn grant funded project had intended to construct a new museum storage facility to house collections, this project is currently on hold. Therefore, it is likely the trust will need to be reviewed in the next 12 months due to a lack of funds. Officers are currently discussing options for the trust and will report back to the Charity Trustee Committee in due course.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Whilst the charity when making decisions do act for the benefit of the charity and the public it has not specifically reviewed the Charity Commission's guidance entitled 'Public benefit: reporting (PB3)' at its Charity Trustee Committee meetings and cannot confirm that all members of the Charity Trustee Committee have read the guidance especially as some members will be new to the Committee therefore the charity intends to circulate the guidance (both PB3 and PB2) to the members of its Committee at the next meeting and will reference the same in future decision making.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

None.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

No specific achievements to note and as referenced above this trust will likely be reviewed in the next 12 months due to the Perthyn project having been placed on hold and the resulting lack of funds held by the trust.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

N/A – no reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

None.

Section F Other optional information

None.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date