



FRIENDS OF PLAS DOL-Y-MOCH

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ending 31st March 2018

Reference and administrative information

Friends of Plas Dol-y-Moch
Registered charity: 1147715

The Charity's principal address is:
7, Smarts Road
Bedworth
Warwickshire
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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2018

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2018. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in 2005.

Trustees

The committee of trustees of the Friends of Plas Dol-y-Moch is made up of a group of volunteers, with the following responsibilities:

Ruth Snow (chair),
Andy Walmsley (vice chair),
Mike Ballinger (membership secretary),
David Simpson (secretary),
Mike Coult (treasurer),
Co-opted trustees: Jo-Anne Brake, Arnold Chave, Rick Leigh, Jacquie Molloy, Paul Tuffin.

Ex officio: Sarah Atkins, Alistair Cooke.

Note that at the Annual General Meeting in January 2018, Mike Ballinger took over as chair of Trustees, (and Maureen Perry took on his former role of membership secretary), whilst Ruth Snow remains as a trustee. Andy Walmsley continues as vice chair.

Bankers

NatWest, 72 High Street, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NR.

Independent Examiner

Mr T Render CPFA,
14, Jellicoe Way
Hinckley
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Structure, governance and management

The day to day business of the charity is organised on a sub committee structure. There are three sub committees:

- events, projects and promotional activity
- finance and establishment
- communications and membership

The Trust meets as a body three times a year and receives reports from its sub committees on achievements, plans and progress.

Objectives and activities

In planning our activities for the year the Trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The objects of the Trust are to support the provision of services to young people, and the paragraphs below demonstrate how benefits are delivered for the young people of Coventry.

Plas Dol-y-Moch (PDM) has been providing high quality residential and outdoor experiences exclusively for the young people of Coventry for 50 years. Over this period it is estimated that approximately 100,000 young people from Coventry have attended a residential outdoor education course at the centre. For almost all of these young people their course was one of the most memorable experiences of their schooldays, and for a significant number it was a life changing experience.

In supporting this provision for young people, the overall aims of the Friends of Plas Dol-y-Moch are:

- to support the centre in its continuing objective of providing high quality outdoor and residential education opportunities that are accessible for the young people of Coventry.
- to raise funds for the centre to enable the development of new activities, resources and facilities which will improve the quality of the experience of Coventry's young people.
- to promote the Centre and its aims to the citizens of Coventry and generate further/ broader support for the centre
- to create links to other relevant groups and organisations

Summary of main achievements and performance during the year

During 2017-18, the charity has continued to focus its efforts to raise funds to help pay for additional new facilities at the centre, including the provision of an accessible dining room, toilets and changing facilities. These improvements will ensure that the centre is fit for purpose for the next 50 years, and will increase the number of pupils that can attend at any one time from 50 to 60.

In this regard, the charity is supporting the centre by seeking to raise £250,000 through fundraising, sponsorship, donations and grant funding. As the financial statements show nearly £30,000 has been raised during 2017-18, which builds on the £50,000 raised in 2016-17.

As this report is written, the plans for the development of the Centre's new facilities have reached the planning application, and the Trust is hopeful that all the necessary approvals will be in place in the near future, so that the works can begin.

Financial review

2017-18 was a year in which the growth in the fundraising activity of Friends of Plas Dol-y-Moch continued, in support of the major plans to deliver the building project.

Receipts totalled £33,000 in 2017-18. At the end of the year, cash at the bank was nearly £85,000, awaiting their application to support the funding of the building project. All these receipts in the year were unrestricted funds.

In the same time frame, spending was less than £3,000.

One grant application was successful in the year: £10,000 from the 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust. In addition, a number of Coventry schools and other organisations held fundraising events and made donations in support of the Trust's activities and the building project. Donations and fund raising of £500 or more were received from Coventry Special Education Needs Summer Conference, the proceeds of the Dol-y-Moch Mile event, Finham Park Academy, Allesley Hall primary school and Stivichall primary school.

The Trustees are grateful for the support of all organisations who have contributed to the work of Friends during 2017-18.

Reserves policy

It is the Trust's policy to maintain a small balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), to meet its ongoing spending needs and to meet unforeseen expenses that may arise from time to time, equivalent to £2,500. All other funds are generated to support the work of the Centre, and will be contributed at appropriate times. The significant balance of unrestricted funds at 31st March 2018 arises solely as a result of the fundraising activity undertaken which has generated income to contribute to the planned building works at the Centre, referred to above, and which has not yet been transferred to support the funding of the project.

Plans for the future

The Friends of Plas Dol y Moch (the Trust) is committed to supporting the future of Coventry's young people through outdoor education. We largely do this by enthusiastically supporting Coventry's Outdoor Education Centre at Plas Dol y Moch in Snowdonia. The Centre has exciting plans to expand the number of youngsters who can attend and help ensure that no child from a class is left behind simply because there is no room. A new dining facility will mean that a larger number of children will be able to eat at the same time, thus enabling everyone to quickly get out on the hills, onto the rivers, into the gorges and onto mountain bikes to enjoy themselves and to learn, learn about the wild natural environment and about themselves and their fellow pupils. Outdoor education is well known for increasing resilience, improving mental health, encouraging healthy outdoor exercise and

for promoting teamwork and social cohesion. It also creates great memories and lasting friendships. New showers and changing facilities will also mean a better environment for youngsters attending the centre.

In the longer term, once the building project is finished, the Trust will continue to raise funds and enhance the profile of Plas Dol y Moch, and Outdoor Education in general. We will continue to help to fund the purchase of essential equipment. The Trust would also like to encourage the employment of apprentices on outdoor education projects, to help sponsor disadvantaged young people to attend Dol y Moch and to undertake expeditions.

Declaration

The chair and vice chair of the Trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees report.

Chair: Mike Ballinger
Date: 19th November 2018

Vice Chair: Andy Walmsley
Date: 19th November 2018

		Friends of Plas Dol-y-Moch					
		<i>Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2018</i>					
Total				Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
Funds			Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
2016-17							2017-18
£				£	£	£	£
		Income					
1,820		Subscriptions		1,428	0	0	1,428
23,637		Donations & Fundraising		19,395	0	0	19,395
640		Gift Aid reclaimed		604	0	0	604
3,900		Dol y Moch Friends weekends		1,140	0	0	1,140
23,000		Charity Bids		10,000	0	0	10,000
10,404		October Ball		0	0	0	0
0		Other Income		0	0	0	0
63,401		<i>Sub-total income</i>		32,567	0	0	32,567
		Expenditure					
2,500		Contribution to Dol-y-Moch Publicity costs		0	0	0	0
7,590		October Ball costs		0	0	0	0
104		Quiz Night costs		345	0	0	345
128		Payment Fees		1	0	0	1
2,000		Dol y Moch Friends weekends		2,000	0	0	2,000
404		Insurance		418	0	0	418
161		Other Expenditure		101	0	0	101
12,887		<i>Sub-total expenditure</i>		2,865	0	0	2,865
(50,514)		(Surplus of receipts over payments)/		29,702	0	0	(29,702)
		excess of payments over receipts					
(4,441)		Cash at Bank at 1st April					(54,955)
(54,955)		Cash at Bank at 31st March					(84,657)

	Friends of Plas Dol y Moch				
	<i>Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2018</i>				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2017-18
2016-17		Funds	Funds	Funds	Totals
£		£	£	£	£
	Cash Funds				
54,955	Balance at bank	71,657	13,000	0	84,657
	Other Monetary Assets				
13,123	Fundraising due but not received at 31st March 2018	0	0	0	0
696	Gift Aid tax relief due	443	0	0	443
0	Investment Assets	0	0	0	0
0	Assets retained for the charity's own use	0	0	0	0
	Liabilities				
0	Creditors payable at 31st March 2018	0	0	0	0



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Friends of Plas Dol-y-moch

**On accounts for the year
ended**

March 31st 2018

**Charity no
(if any)**

1147715

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 31 August 2018

Name: Tim Render

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

CPFA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners)

None

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None