

# LLANRUMNEY HALL COMMUNITY TRUST

ANNUAL REVIEW:  
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## AN OVERVIEW OF OUR CHARITABLE WORK

Since 2019, Llanrumney Hall Community Trust has been supporting the community, by turning The Hall into a thriving community hub to mitigate and prevent poverty in East Cardiff.

The Hall offers the facilities that had previously been lacking in the Llanrumney area, including a large community hall, community rooms for hire, a music recording studio, an arts & crafts facility,

a community food hub (The Pantry), a gardening polytunnel, an outdoor polytunnel, hot desk facilities, classrooms, a childcare crèche, a community café, a multi-use facility for holistic therapies and much more.

We work with a variety of generous supporters, funders, organisations, volunteers and of course our staff, to reach those in need and to help create valuable opportunities for all.

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# STATEMENT FROM STEVE BORLEY FOUNDER AND CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

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Welcome to the eighth Annual Report for Llanrumney Hall Community Trust

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR AND MAIN FACTORS FOR THE CHARITY

From the start of 2023 up until January 2024, we were pleased to see our Community Trust grow. We continued to provide a range of services and benefits for the local community of Llanrumney.

Cardiff and Vale College and Eastern High School continued to deliver their outreach programmes from The Hall. Our other tenants continued to deliver their range of services including Elite Solutions, House of Events, Happy Cat Yoga, Common Wealth Theatre, Evolution Hair, UTI Wales, KOKO Dance Academy, The Beauty Studio, Step by Step Childcare, Tai Chi Shibashi and The Music Recording Studio.

The Llanrumney Hall Pantry continued to provide its valuable service, with the cost-of-living crisis very much still upon us, and in October 2023, we celebrated The Pantry's 3rd Birthday as a facility serving the community. The continued generosity of donations from individuals and businesses has enabled us to further add value

to our member's weekly shop. The Trust and its members are incredibly grateful for the continued support we receive, especially in times when the amount of donations from the larger organisations are dwindling.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned the true value of being fully engaged with the community to provide key engagement opportunities via our social media and website channels. Our marketing team continued to release weekly updates via these online platforms to ensure local people are aware of the activities, sessions and opportunities we are providing. We believe the more people you can engage with online, the more people you can help in person. Our monthly newsletter via our digital platforms has also ensured the community is being kept up to date with the latest news at The Hall.

Throughout the busy year, some of our main delivery highlights include:

- Our Summer Holiday and Half

Term Programmes delivered a variety of activities and sessions for various age groups, to provide enjoyable and practical skills. This helped to keep the young people of our community busy during their school breaks.

- We opened our grounds to over 2,500 people for our annual Summer Fete. The Fete saw a wide variety of stalls, games and activities, bouncy castles, fun fair rides, food vendors, live music, an animal petting zoo, Cardiff City FC Foundation in attendance and much more flooding our grounds. This was a community focused event with contributions from local businesses. We are excited to host this again on Saturday the 27th of July 2024.
- We hosted our second Halloween House of Horrors in October 2023, which saw over 1,000 people attend this ticketed event. Talented individuals from our staff, volunteers and our onsite Youth Group, worked tirelessly to organise this event, make props, orchestrate the house tour and decorate The Hall for this popular event. The many surprises from the live actors ensured a terrifying experience and resulted in us receiving incredible reviews all round.

- We held our annual Remembrance Day Service to honour those who volunteered, sacrificed, served, fought and died for our freedom. This included a poetry reading, a live performance of The Last Post, an incredible poppy display and military Land Rovers on site.
- It was a pleasure to see our Health & Wellbeing Roundhouse begin to thrive after being officially opened in April 2023. We're grateful this project was made possible thanks to incredible funding from Welsh Government, and we're looking forward to watching this facility benefit the local community further.
- At Christmas time, The Hall really came back to its former glory as we celebrated the festive season with a Santas Grotto, Grinch Toy Room, Christmas Market Fair, Santas Sleigh, Christmas Pantry Day, and a visit from Glass Slipper Events for local children to meet their favourite Christmas characters.

Of course, these points highlighted are only a fraction of what we provide on a day-to-day basis across the year.

We remain indebted to the support

***“The more people you engage with online, the more you can help in person.”***

we've received from our valued funders and supporters who have allowed us to develop our range of community services - some of which include Welsh Government, Cardiff Council, Cardiff 3rd Sector Council, and The Development Trusts Association Wales. We are forever grateful to them - we

couldn't do what we do without those who believe in us. We are also extremely grateful for the countless donations from local people and businesses who continue to support our charity. My company CMB Engineering remains in the background to provide additional support when required.



*The Llanrumney Hall Community Trust grounds crowded with people for our annual Summer Fete.*



*The Summer Fete included fairground rides, bouncy castles, food vendors, activities, stalls and more*



*Llanrumney Hall during our 3-day Halloween Haunted House of Horrors community event.*



*The Halloween event included a Halloween themed house tour of our historic building with live actors throughout.*



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# A YEAR IN REFLECTION

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As we look back on the year, we celebrate the success of yet another spectacular year for Llanrumney Hall Community Trust.

Each school holiday break, children were welcomed to The Hall for our much-loved holiday programmes where we hosted a variety of activities and classes such as: Arts & Crafts, Dance Workshops, Children's Storytime, Interactive Science Lessons, Family Learning, Karate, Nature Club, Music Workshops, Gardening Club, Cooking Classes, Pottery, Wicketz (Children's Cricket), and Youth Group. These sessions are fully funded for the entire community and are provided free of charge as a way of supporting both children and parents during a time where they may need additional help during school holidays.

In April 2023, we officially opened our Health & Wellbeing Roundhouse, thanks to the incredibly generous £250,000 worth of funding we received from Welsh Government. We welcomed Welsh Government's Minister for Social Justice, Jane Hutt, to The Hall to officially open the new facility. ITV Wales also came down to showcase the facility and our open day on the news. The Health & Wellbeing Centre is there to help people become more physically active, tackle loneliness and increase volunteering opportunities. Since opening, we have been working with a variety of groups and organisations, such as yoga teachers and life coaches, to turn this new facility into a thriving place of community wellbeing. We look forward to partnering with local GPs to provide our services and classes as alternative solutions to peoples



health and wellbeing concerns.

On July 29th 2023, Llanrumney Hall saw its grounds flooded with over 2,500 local people attending our annual Summer Fete. This event brings the people of Llanrumney together in a social setting, to enjoy our facilities and celebrate what we've achieved as a community. Each year we try to bring some new excitement to our Summer Fete and our most recent Fete included the likes of bouncy castles, fairground rides, an animal petting zoo, hot food trucks, games and activities, business and information stalls, cakes, a live DJ, Cardiff City Football Club Foundation activities, Wicketz and more.

Once again, we welcomed over 1,000 people for our annual three-day Halloween event to the famously haunted Llanrumney Hall. These three days include haunted house tours with 8 themed rooms with live actors in, a live DJ and disco, a BBQ, and an animal petting zoo. Along with the Summer Fete, this is an event we pride ourselves for hosting each year and has become a staple of our annual calendar.

We continued to support our older community with support groups including Knit & Natter and Cuppa & Company. This is a way for people

to socialise with others from the local community, while engaging with our staff and facilities at The Hall. We have received great feedback on both and hope to work towards offering more for this age bracket.

Every week, we host Citizens Advisors from Cardiff and Vale College at The Hall to offer support to the local community. According to Citizens Advice, many people are unaware of the benefits they may be entitled to, and these advisors can help to point them in the right direction.

Thanks to funding from Cardiff Council, we have continued to distribute free sanitary items. At The Hall, any girls or women can collect a free bag of sanitary products. We pride ourselves for taking part in the period poverty movement and look forward to continuing to help and empower women.

In 2023, we began gifting free promwear to anyone attending a prom event, thanks to the generous donations from Pre-Loved Promwear. This allowed us to offer the people of East Cardiff the opportunity to not spend huge sums of money on a one-off school experience and instead repurpose stunning, high-quality dresses, suits and shoes. We had some fantastic feedback

about these services from young people and their parents, saying:

*“What an amazing room filled with beautiful promwear! Making life so much easier for myself and my husband. A huge struggle off our shoulders!”*

*“I think being able to access this promwear event is fantastic. It helps so many families who are struggling financially to give their child a fantastic and memorable prom.”*

*“The prom dresses here are really pretty and finding the dress for me was the best part – a weight lifted off mine and my mum’s shoulders.”*

Each year, on November 11th, the Trust and the public gather to pay their respects to those who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. This is an event we host annually as we believe it is important to pay our respects as a Trust, while also providing the community with a space to pay their own respects to those we have lost.

We had multiple visits across the year from external organisations, to offer the community something different. The Nearly Wild Animal Show came back to us multiple times, after being in such high demand in previous years. Each time, children had the opportunity to meet and handle

a variety of weird and wonderful creatures and this show always has an incredible turn out. The Hall also welcomed Glass Slipper Events at different points in the year, so that children could meet a selection of their favourite television characters including princesses and superheroes.

On December 4th 2023, Llanrumney Hall proudly won the Business and Partner Award at the Cardiff and Vale College 2023 Annual Awards. CAVC commented on the partnership saying:

*“CAVC have collaborated with Llanrumney Hall Community Trust for almost four years, having been a key partner in the College’s Civic Mission in East Cardiff.*

*Together, we have provided teaching and learning opportunities for local residents including Forest Schools, counselling, adult learning courses and more. The Trust has also developed a successful community programme which provides opportunities for local children, young people, and families to build social networks, experience new activities and develop their skills. They have also assisted CAVC in hosting four Skills Competition Wales and WorldSkills competitions in horticulture.*

*The Trust has successfully created a hub: providing an inclusive space for people and serving as an excellent satellite site for CAVC to reach out and support the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of the area."*

We're also pleased to say we were nominated for two awards at the Cardiff 2023 Volunteer Awards. Pantry volunteer, Cara Sutton, was nominated for Volunteer of the Year and Trustee, Christine Borley, was nominated for Trustee of the Year. It was a pleasure to see two individuals who work closely with us, receive outside recognition for their hard work.

Thanks to an incredible donation from Cardiff 3rd Sector Council, we were able to begin hosting free sessions and activities for unpaid carers including Holistic Therapy, Tai Chi and Anxiety Coaching. So far, this initiative has helped 871 unpaid carers and that number is only growing.

Since opening its doors in 2020, the Llanrumney Hall Pantry has been a staple for both our Community Trust and the Llanrumney community. The Pantry is a community facility that aims to reduce poverty in East Cardiff, and we provide members with affordable and

accessible food and household essentials. In our first two weeks alone, we became the fastest growing Your Local Pantry Franchise in the UK and are proud to be still operating almost 4 years later.

Our Pantry volunteers continue to be a huge asset to this facility, showing up week-on-week to ensure we meet the needs of the community. Our team of volunteers have remained loyal since day one and have become a key reason as to why our Pantry members return each week.

During December 2023, we hosted a variety of festive activities including our renowned Christmas Pantry Day, the Christmas Market Fair, our very own Santa's Grotto, festive meet and greets with Christmas Princesses and The Grinch and helped support the Children's Cancer Charity, Latch, by having their annual Santa's Sleigh tour of Llanrumney start at Llanrumney Hall.

The ventures listed are realistically just a fraction of what has taken place at Llanrumney Hall since we opened our doors. All would not be possible without our amazing team of staff, trustees and volunteers who have worked consistently hard to regenerate this community building to what it is today.



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# THANK YOU'S & DONATIONS

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During the financial year starting April 2023, like every home and business in the UK, our charity was impacted financially by the continued increased costs of living.

Thankfully, there were supportive funders and donors who truly understood just how difficult the circumstances could be for a small local charity in Llanrumney - a generally underfunded area of Cardiff. We are sincerely grateful for those who have supported us during this extremely difficult time.

Not only has Welsh Government supported us since the beginning, but they continue to do so. In April 2023, we opened our Health & Wellbeing Centre thanks to the £250,000 of funding we received

from Welsh Government. The brand-new facility is an amazing asset to us and is already showing its positive impact on the local community.

Towards the end of 2023, we were lucky enough to be awarded a £25,000 grant by Cardiff 3rd Sector Council. This was to offer sessions and activities for those who are unpaid carers. Unpaid carers are often not given the support or recognition they need, so it's great that C3SC are working with us to help this section of the community.

It was a delight to receive a grant of £10,000 from The Development Trusts Association Wales and Locality Awards, halfway through 2023. This funding was to support our operational costs including

heating, lighting and the additional electricity costs associated with our weekly food Pantry facility. The majority of our activities are provided inside The Hall, so receiving a grant to help with utilities during such a difficult time of increasing costs, was incredible.

We would like to give our thanks to Cardiff Council for continuing our funding to provide women and girls with free sanitary items. This is an extremely important health necessity so to be able to provide it for free, when it usually comes at a considerable cost, is amazing and we have heard from so many people that it has made a big difference to them.

We are extremely thankful to have another year of support from CMB Engineering. CMB have believed in us since we first registered as a charity in 2015 and from when we first opened our doors in 2019. If it wasn't for this support, our Trust would not be where it is today.

In addition to funding from organisations, our charity received multiple donations from a local family's relative who sadly passed away and included Llanrumney Hall Community Trust in her will. Jane Coopey generously left a legacy donation to The Hall of £1,462.50

across multiple donations. These donations were in recognition of how the charity helps and supports the local area. This string of donations truly touched our hearts as it reflects the impact we have on locals and reiterates why we do what we do. It also showcases the love and affection local people have for Llanrumney Hall as they have watched its purpose and provisions change over the years.

Our online Local Giving page raised a total of £3,193.75 across the year, bringing our total raised on the platform in January 2024 to an incredible £16,836.69.

Blue self storage remains one of our biggest and most consistent donors. Their staff and clients have worked tirelessly to fundraise for The Hall and The Pantry, having delivered thousands of pounds worth of food to us on countless occasions. They are regularly going out of their way to discover more and more ways they can provide support to both The Hall and its users, and we are very grateful to Dean and the blue self storage team for that.

It's nothing short of admiral to us that St. Dyfrigs (a charity themselves) has continued to go above and beyond to consistently provide us with cash and food donations for 10

our Pantry facility. They are a true example of small and independent charities looking out for other small and independent charities. They have become one of our most consistent sources of support over the last couple of years.

In addition to physical donations and funding, we would also like to give our thanks to our tenants and external groups who hire and use our rooms for a variety of community support initiatives. These bookings help contribute to Llanrumney Hall's running costs, whilst also extending the services that we have to offer.

Our staff and volunteers have yet again played a momentous part in the running of The Hall, whether that's on a weekly basis or during our larger scale events such as Halloween and the Summer Fete.



One of the countless donations of food and household essentials The Pantry received from St. Dyfrigs Church.



Our Welsh Government Funded Health & Wellbeing Roundhouse.



The free sanitary bags we offer all women and girls thanks to funding from Cardiff Council.



Blue self storage providing The Llanrumney Hall Pantry with a truck load of food for our Christmas Pantry Day!



Local specsavers branch give £250 cash donation to Llanrumney Hall Community Trust.

# FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

Our sincere thanks to those who have provided the support to transform Llanrumney Hall to its former glory, secure its place in Welsh history and enable us to offer community development programmes.



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# COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS

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*"Thank you, Llanrumney Hall Community Trust, for your kind donation of food for Rumney Forum. All your lovely fruit and vegetables were put into Rumney Forum's Community Fridge for all of the community to collect and enjoy completely free of charge. Community organisations working together!"*

*- Rumney Forum*

*"I'm a Llanrumney boy. I was lucky enough to work with Franks and Toms architects, along with Knox & Wells on the last refurbishment of The Hall. So interesting seeing the guts of the original build and helping it survive a bit longer! Kudos to the Llanrumney Hall Trust and Steve Borley for reviving its fortunes."*

*- John Lee*

*"You are amazing people. The things you have done since regenerating The Hall are nothing short of amazing. You've given the area valuable rejuvenation to the young and not so young. I think you should be nominated for an award for the difference you have made to the people of Llanrumney. I lived there for 10 plus years but my son and his family much longer, so I have followed your achievements for a very long time. I can't wait to continue to watch you flourish as your charity only grows!"*

*- Marilyn Bendon*

*"So glad after years of The Hall being shut and left to deteriorate, it's been given a much-deserved new lease of life through your Community Trust which benefits the whole community of Llanrumney."*

*Gen Emily Jenkins*

*"You keep thinking outside the box and everything is for the concern, health and enjoyment of the people in your community. Another congratulations to you all at the Llanrumney Community Trust."*

*- Anonymous*



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*“We had a fantastic time yesterday at The Nearly Wild Show. My granddaughter loved every minute of it. Everyone was so kind and informative. Thank you to all involved in organising such a fabulous event.”*  
- Stephanie Davis

*“A big thank you from Kiki's Keychains to all the staff at Llanrumney Hall for making all the stall holders feel welcome at your Christmas Market Fair. My children also enjoyed seeing Father Christmas and The Grinch.”*  
- Christina Hill

*“I absolutely love this building being right on my doorstep. The history and the stories it tells is incredible. I love everything about it and to see it looking as it does today, warms my heart. Well done Llanrumney Hall Community Trust for the work you've done!”*  
- Lexi Pocknell

*“Another successful couple of weeks for Easter Half Term - showing the parents and children of Llanrumney there is so much fun to be had with friends and neighbours in their home estate. The local children and families are so lucky to have a facility to attend during their school breaks.”*  
- Anonymous

*“Your annual Summer Fete was again a great event. The children all really enjoyed themselves. Well done for all the consistent hard work you put into making it a successful day all round.”*  
Carol Cassley

*“We all had a great time at the Llanrumney Hall Halloween House of Horrors. ALL staff were super friendly and very engaging. All kids looked to be having a fab time, well worth a visit.”*  
- Lori Redwood

# FINANCIAL REPORT

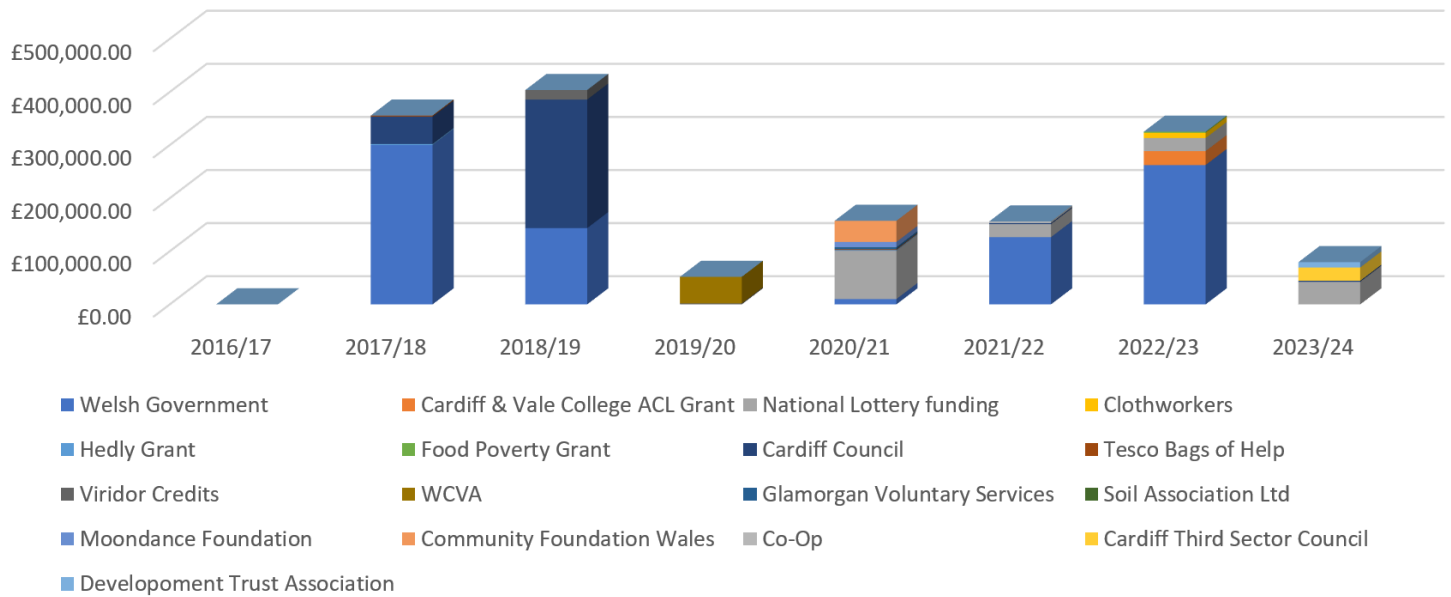
## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>		
Grants and donations	172,583	348,122
Trading activities	153,814	134,412
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>326,397</b>	<b>482,534</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
Raising funds		
Trading activities	(336,918)	(459,620)
Other expenditure	0	(7,608)
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(336,918)</b>	<b>(467,228)</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>(10,521)</b>	<b>15,306</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(10,521)</b>	<b>15,306</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	1,513,435	1,578,581
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	42,792	46,133
Cash at bank	4,917	43,058
	47,709	89,191
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<b>(1,042,577)</b>	<b>(1,139,271)</b>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>	<b>(994,868)</b>	<b>(1,050,080)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>518,567</b>	<b>528,501</b>
<b>Funds for charity:</b>		
Unrestricted funds	518,567	528,501
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>518,567</b>	<b>528,501</b>

# Grant Income Cumulative Summary



Funder	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Tot
Welsh Government	£0.00	£300,000.00	£143,658.00	£0.00	£10,002.00	£126,639.31	£262,457.00	£0.00	<b>£842,756.31</b>
Cardiff & Vale College ACL Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£26,258.00	£0.00	<b>£26,258.00</b>
National Lottery funding	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£90,896.25	£24,522.75	£24,522.75	£42,522.75	<b>£139,941.75</b>
Clothworkers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	<b>£10,000.00</b>
Hedly Grant	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£2.00	£0.00	<b>£3,502.00</b>
Food Poverty Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
Cardiff Council	£0.00	£51,675.39	£242,143.81	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	<b>£295,819.20</b>
Tesco Bags of Help	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£3,500.00</b>
Viridor Credits	£0.00	£0.00	£18,000.00	£1,924.85	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£19,924.85</b>
WCVA	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£50,000.00</b>
Glamorgan Voluntary Services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,539.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£3,539.40</b>
Soil Association Ltd	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£150.00</b>
Moondance Foundation	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£10,000.00</b>
Community Foundation Wales	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£39,800.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£39,800.00</b>
Co-Op	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>£3,000.00</b>
Cardiff Third Sector Council	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25,000.00	<b>£25,000.00</b>
Development Trust Association	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	<b>£10,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£355,675.39</b>	<b>£403,801.81</b>	<b>£51,924.85</b>	<b>£157,387.65</b>	<b>£156,162.06</b>	<b>£325,239.75</b>	<b>£44,522.75</b>	<b>£1,450,191.51</b>



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