



AGM 2025 CHAIR'S REPORT

ST MADOC OF FERNS COMMUNITY GROUP

REGISTERED CHARITY 1204104

This report covers the year between 6th April 2024 and 5th April 2025. During this time the Community Group has been working to agree a lease for St Madoc's, Haroldston West, from the Church in Wales. We have worked through the conditions and clauses of the Heads of Terms but progress has been slower than we would like. The Representative Body of the Church in Wales deals with a huge volume of work with limited resources, but it is a positive sign that solicitors have begun to draft contracts.

We have made best use of the delay by raising further funds ahead of getting the lease. Our Treasurer's Report shows that we expect legal costs to have been covered by a grant from the Benefact Trust, but money will be needed to cover the annual operating costs, as well as to start repairs to the building. The Secretary's Report describes the many ways we have been active in raising these funds.

We have also taken the opportunity to formalise the way that we work as trustees. The Charity Commission recommends that organisations develop policies in key areas, and we have adapted several of them for the Community Group. These, and future policies, will be displayed on our website. Additionally, we have submitted our first annual return for The Charity Commission.

Once again, our participation in the Cadw Open Doors initiative for a weekend in September was one of the highlights of my year. By using Cadw's event insurance we were able to re-open the church for two days. We were delighted by the number of visitors and their engagement with the building and its history.

We continue to work for the re-opening of the Church and are very grateful for the help and support we receive from local groups and the community.

Gareth Morgan

Chair of St Madoc of Ferns Community Group.