



# Irish Network Stevenage



## AGM REPORT 2021

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# WELCOME

## Welcome from the Chair

This annual report covers activities from June 2020 until May 2021 and it is hard to put into words how difficult this financial year has been, when the pandemic first struck no one could have predicted how our lives would change and our freedoms restricted. During the year we were in various forms of lockdown and everything we did had to be stopped or changed to enable social distancing,

Throughout the year we continued to support our members and continued to advocate for change on their behalf. We also increased our remote support to our members in the form of increased phone calls, shopping, arranging care and much more, this will be detailed throughout this report. During those 12 months we spent a huge amount of time working with Stevenage Borough Council, Herts County Council and all our local partners making sure the needs of our members were being met and we had to work very hard and respond very quickly to an ever-changing landscape. Being a smaller charity meant that we could respond quickly to needs and address issues immediately whilst waiting for bigger statutory agencies to be able to respond and provide a long-term solution.

Every year I commend our volunteers on the good work that they do, but this year they have exceeded every expectation, they provided a level of support that was immeasurable, whilst also dealing with the issues that the pandemic presented to them personally. I cannot adequately express my gratitude to them and how they stepped up to support members through one of the most challenging periods in recent history. Throughout the report you will see details of how hard our volunteers worked and how much time and commitment it takes for INS to provide what it does. Our volunteers make it all look so easy, but I can assure you that they all work very hard.

Below are some photos showing members enjoying our social events in previous years and as we move into a new financial year we are starting to come back together and enjoy these events again.



## Treasurers Report

As mentioned in this report all activities had to cease or changed to enable social distancing. This had a huge impact on our financial situation, as we receive a lot of our income through participation charges, raffles and fundraising activities, which could not happen during the Covid restrictions. We also did not charge for membership during this period and that subsidises a lot of what we do. So, our income through these sources was almost non-existent. But also due to not being able to hold many social activities we had reduced our expenditure as well. We contacted all our funders and explained the reduction in activities and they were all very understanding, most had agreed for us to repurpose the funding to support new initiatives designed to help our members deal with Covid restrictions, and some funders allowed us to change our timescales so we could meet our obligations when restrictions had been lifted.



We have always kept a restricted fund to provide us with a pot of money that we could use in case of emergencies and this last year we were able to use this pot of money to continue to provide support to our members albeit in a very different way. We also successfully applied for specific Covid related funding to address the need for a different type of support needed by our members. So, whilst our traditional incomes sources were unavailable to us, we accessed different ones to ensure that we could still provide support to our members and therefore we continue to be in a healthy financial position.

At the beginning of the last financial year, we still had funds for some of our projects that required social engagement but due to the national restrictions imposed during Covid we could not continue with this. Therefore, following direction from our funders, we redistributed some of the funds to support our members in their homes through various means, including additional projects, telephone calls, arranging services to support them during lockdown and much more. This has been a difficult period, but we continue to adapt as needed. We rely on membership fees to subsidise our activities and the support we offer but this year we offered all members free membership as we knew that times were difficult, and we wanted to help in any way we could.

Throughout this last financial year, we continued to look for new funding opportunities to provide specific Covid related support and we are pleased to announce that once again we successfully obtained funding from a variety of funders which enabled us to increase our activities to include more welfare support.

In line with our charitable objectives and responsibilities we have maintained a healthy reserve which will ensure that we are able to meet all our financial commitments. In addition to this we also have a Sustainability Reserve that is designated to be used after the Lottery funding has finished. We have a responsibility to continue to provide the activities and support that we currently do and having reserves will enable us to do this. We are proud that that once again we have kept our accounts in a healthy position despite the challenging circumstances.

**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

				Year Ended 31.5.21 Total funds £	Period 31.5.19 to 31.5.20 Total funds £
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £		
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		190	71,865	72,055	73,255
Other trading activities	2	-	4,044	4,044	15,681
<b>Total</b>		<b>190</b>	<b>75,909</b>	<b>76,099</b>	<b>88,936</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		1,293	58,207	59,500	69,787
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(1,103)</b>	<b>17,702</b>	<b>16,599</b>	<b>19,149</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		79,256	27,948	107,204	88,055
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>78,153</b>	<b>45,650</b>	<b>123,803</b>	<b>107,204</b>

## IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

BALANCE SHEET  
31ST MAY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		78,153	53,850	132,003	118,569
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	-	(8,200)	(8,200)	(11,365)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>78,153</u>	<u>45,650</u>	<u>123,803</u>	<u>107,204</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		78,153	45,650	123,803	107,204
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>78,153</u>	<u>45,650</u>	<u>123,803</u>	<u>107,204</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	6				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				4,401	7,712
Designated fund				73,752	71,544
				<u>78,153</u>	<u>79,256</u>
Restricted funds				<u>45,650</u>	<u>27,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>123,803</u>	<u>107,204</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17-9-21 and were signed on its behalf by:

L Donovan

L Donovan - Trustee

## Secretary's Report



Since becoming the Secretary in 2010 I have seen INS grow and prosper. We have been through some challenging times, but none as difficult as the last financial year. The pandemic not only had a huge impact on individuals it also had a devastating effect on the voluntary sector as a whole. INS, like all other charities, is there to serve the most vulnerable members of our community and as we have always done this through face-to-face engagement, it has been very challenging. But through the restrictions we continued to engage with our members to ensure we could provide the best possible support, this meant a huge change in our processes and the introducing of new ones to ensure everyone was safe. INS had to complete risk assessments for every activity or meeting that was held, we had to invest in new technology and even redesign our office and have new layout

for events so we could maintain social distancing and adhere to all the government guidelines.

Throughout the year we accessed our existing partnerships and established many new ones, with the primary objective of supporting out members. This has been a fantastic success and those redefined partnerships continue to be an extremely valuable addition to the support we can offer, both in terms of practical support and advice and guidance. In particular our partnership working with Stevenage Borough Council, the Red Shed, Irish in Britain and HAFLS has been immeasurable.

Our volunteers have always been our eyes and ears, but this was even more important this last year as we could not hold many social engagement events, so we couldn't meet with our members. The volunteers were key in identifying new and emerging issues, predominately caused by the pandemic. Situations were changing almost daily so it was so important the volunteers were given all the support they needed to identify issues. Throughout the pandemic we transferred the phones to the Project Managers mobile phone or a Trustee and operated a 24 hours support system for volunteers and members. Therefore someone was available at all times, this enabled us to provide instantaneous support and I am proud to say we addressed and supported every members request during the pandemic.

Throughout this last financial year we continued to have regular virtual Trustees meeting to discuss what support we had provided and what we had planned for the future, these became even more important than ever. Maintaining good governance throughout the year was of primary importance and we ensured every obligation we had was met and we continued to operate within our previous arranged guidelines. INS has many different policies and they have all been designed to keep our members safe and these were constantly updated and risks assessments undertaken for any event that we did.

Whilst this year has been challenging, I believe that INS has risen to the challenge and not only helped our members through this difficult time but become an even more accessible and responsive charity because of it. Once again, our ability to provide this support is due to our amazing volunteers and INS is the charity that it is because of them.



## Growth and Support



Since we started back in 2007 one of our key objectives was to help our members to live as independently as possible, and whilst the restrictions imposed due to Covid changed how we could support members, we continued to do so in many different ways. Throughout the year we provided telephone support to members to identify areas where they may be able to improve their financial circumstances. We have a fantastic volunteer that has a huge amount of experience helping older people reduce their outgoings and claim their entitlements. We also arranged carers, did shopping, and organised bill payments and much more to help our members through this difficult time.

In addition to this support, we continued to run our very successful Wednesday Christmas Club, with nearly 200 participating in the savings scheme, this was very challenging as we could not

open the office and deal with members face to face, but we supported all our members to arrange remote payments which meant they continued to save throughout the pandemic.

We participated in many local and national strategy meetings specifically addressing the new and emerging issues caused by the pandemic. Being a small local charity meant we could respond very quickly and were speaking to our members that were shielding almost daily to arrange the appropriate support. It was very important that during the pandemic we continued to represent our members wherever possible to ensure that they were not overlooked when local and national changes were being made.

Supporting our members through this most difficult time was a priority to us and we know that our members found it particularly difficult when they lost a loved one and were unable to pay their respects in the traditional way. We decided to hold a Remembrance Mass for those that were lost to us during Covid and this was offered up for 70 people, which gives an indication of how our members and volunteers have been directly impacted by the pandemic, we were honoured to have the Stevenage Mayor in attendance.



We are always looking at upskilling our Trustees and volunteers and we identified a gap in their IT knowledge, So we organised workshops which was provided by HAFLS and offered to members as well to address any issues we had when dealing with technology. This was a great success and we will be repeating this next year.

## Social Events



Covid restrictions meant that for most of the year we were unable to engage with any of our members in person, but there were brief periods when we were able to organise socially distanced line dancing classes and we started a Zoom exercise class. This was quite challenging as the technology was very new to us and we had to show our members how to access this remotely. When the restrictions lifted slightly, we had in person exercise classes whilst maintain socially distancing, members were so appreciative of this as they had been confined to their homes for so long and were often struggling to stay motivated. Social engagements are so important to help

reduce the effects of isolation so we did everything we could to engage with members. We worked very closely with Stevenage Football Club Foundation and they helped us produce leaflets giving members details of gentle exercises, quizzes and fun activities that they could do whilst staying at home. We were also able to arrange small group walks around our local lakes when outside group exercise was permissible. It has been such a difficult year but what kept us motivated was the impact of the support we were providing was having on our members and we know we were a lifeline for many.

We were so disappointed when we had to cancel our Christmas Lunch as this is one of the highlights of the year but we were so fortunate to receive funding from the Chauncy Charity and donations from Baldock Tesco which enabled us to create some lovely Christmas hampers which we hand-delivered to our members. We also had to cancel our St Patrick's Day lunch but were able to



use funding for the Lottery to provide St Patrick's Day gift bags and we were honored to be helped by the Sherriff of Hertfordshire with the deliveries!

As soon as the restrictions came into place we quickly organised a remote Craft Group to allow our members to improve on their existing craft skills or learn new ones. This was a great success and our group donated many items to the local hospitals, hospices and other charitable groups. It gave them a great feeling of satisfaction being able to give something back. No one knew when the restrictions were going to be lifted so it was very difficult for us to plan anything, but we did our best to support our members in every way that we could.





## Care in the Community

The last year has been the most challenging year so far for our more vulnerable members. The restrictions on their freedom and their ability to see friends and family will have an everlasting impact. We quickly saw that it was so important to reach out to our vulnerable members as often as possible and we did this by establishing a bank of volunteers to make regular phone calls. We quickly realised that it wasn't just our members that had been previously supported by our Care in the Community programme, but all our members that appreciated the contact. So we expanded our telephone befriending scheme to include all members this was a huge undertaking and required a lot of commitment from our volunteers. We know for some members, we were often the only call they got all day, for some it was all week. So we had to ensure that we could commit to the level of support we were offering. We are pleased to say that our volunteers provided excellent support, which ranged from regular phone calls, to organising food shopping, paying bills for those members that were shielding and even providing technology that could be used to engage with family and friends. During this financial year we made over 9000 calls to members, many of these on a weekly basis. Sometimes it was very challenging, we did not know when the restrictions would be changed and it was hard for some members to have hope, but we persevered and identified those members that were struggling the most, we supported them by being a constant and dependable contact. Everyone we called said that we had brightened their day, and this made all the hard work worthwhile.

One of the most challenging aspects was not being able to visit members in hospital, or at care homes or hospices, our volunteers found this very difficult, and we created a peer support group amongst them so they could share their concerns and support each other. We held a remembrance mass for those that were lost to us during Covid, which was offered up for 70 people, this gives an indication of how our members and volunteers have been directly impacted by the pandemic.



Our volunteers have also made phone calls to statutory and non-statutory agencies on our member's behalf, dealing with agencies can be a daunting prospect, so we try and help whenever we can.

We also managed to take some of our vulnerable members out on a day trip to the gardens of a stately home, this was a lovely day and our members enjoyed themselves immensely. We are planning on having lots more day trips when we are allowed and look forward to working very closely with Stepping Out who facilitate these trips.

## Partners

Working closely with our partners below makes us a stronger more diverse Charity with access to many different organisations that we can call upon. Through these partnerships we all benefit from the experience and resources of others.

Our continuing relationship with partners, has grown and provided us with the resources and services needed to support our members and we in turn support those organisations to help them achieve their aims



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021  
FOR  
IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

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IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

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**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

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<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Ms M Lyons Ms F Sandford B Clynch L Donovan - Chairman Ms H Morris - Secretary Ms M King - Treasurer Ms H Warwick
<b>PRINCIPAL ADDRESS</b>	Sherma Batson Centre 10-12 Exchange Road Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 1PZ
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1149576
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Wags LLP t/a Wagstaffs Richmond House Walkern Road Stevenage Hertfordshire SG1 3QP

**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st May 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The aim of the charity is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing the older and more vulnerable members of our community from becoming socially excluded, and to help them live full and independent lives.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 and have regard to the public benefit guidance as issued by the Charity Commission as shown in the objectives above.

We have referred to the guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities in particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that they have set.

This public benefit statement forms the basis for all judgements regarding operational reports to the Board meetings, in order to be reassured that the facilities and services currently managed by the charity continue to meet these criteria. At these meeting, the Financial Controller also presents the quarterly financial position including taking account of any restricted funds and the Charity's status as a going concern.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

We provide outreach support to our more vulnerable members of the community that live throughout Stevenage, we make weekly home visits and also phone members that do not require regular visits. We also visit our members when they are in care homes, hospital or respite care. Through our social activities we provide social afternoons, which include live music, talks from community and statutory agencies, health awareness events, bingo sessions, a Men's Club, Line Dancing classes, 1:1 IT sessions and exercise classes, we also run a craft group, a Friendship Group for our most vulnerable members and organise a variety of day trips. In addition to this we also run our Christmas Savings Club and provide Christmas and a St Patrick's lunches for 200 members and guests.

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

The Charity's income for the year was £76,099 (2020: £88,936) and expenditure of £59,500 (2020: £69,787), giving a net income of £16,599 (2020: £19,149)

##### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level which takes account of inflation

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT


##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted June 2012, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

This is through an open and transparent process in line with the requirement of the charity. New trustees are nominated by existing trustees to fulfill any specific need within the board.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22-9-21 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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L Donovan - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Irish Network Stevenage**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Irish Network Stevenage (the Charity) for the year ended 31st May 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

M R Hubbocks FCA  
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Date: .....

IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>78,153</b>	<b>45,650</b>	<b>123,803</b>	<b>107,204</b>

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IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

BALANCE SHEET  
31ST MAY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		78,153	53,850	132,003	118,569
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	-	(8,200)	(8,200)	(11,365)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>78,153</u>	<u>45,650</u>	<u>123,803</u>	<u>107,204</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>78,153</u>	<u>45,650</u>	<u>123,803</u>	<u>107,204</u>
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<b>FUNDS</b>	6				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				4,401	7,712
Designated fund				<u>73,752</u>	<u>71,544</u>
				<u>78,153</u>	<u>79,256</u>
Restricted funds				<u>45,650</u>	<u>27,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>123,803</u>	<u>107,204</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22-9-22 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
L Donovan - Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

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**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31/5/21 £	Period 31/5/19 to 31/5/20 £
Fundraising events	<u>4,044</u>	<u>15,681</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st May 2021 nor for the period ended 31st May 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st May 2021 nor for the period ended 31st May 2020.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	1,732	71,523	73,255
Other trading activities	<u>-</u>	<u>15,681</u>	<u>15,681</u>
<b>Total</b>	1,732	87,204	88,936
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	<u>20</u>	<u>69,767</u>	<u>69,787</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>	1,712	17,437	19,149
Transfers between funds	<u>71,862</u>	<u>(71,862)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	73,574	(54,425)	19,149
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>5,682</u>	<u>82,373</u>	<u>88,055</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>79,256</u>	<u>27,948</u>	<u>107,204</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>8,200</u>	<u>11,365</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/6/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/5/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,711	(3,310)	4,401
Designated fund	<u>71,545</u>	<u>2,207</u>	<u>73,752</u>
	79,256	(1,103)	78,153
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	<u>27,948</u>	<u>17,702</u>	<u>45,650</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>107,204</u>	<u>16,599</u>	<u>123,803</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(2,551)	(759)	(3,310)
Designated fund	<u>2,741</u>	<u>(534)</u>	<u>2,207</u>
	190	(1,293)	(1,103)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	<u>75,909</u>	<u>(58,207)</u>	<u>17,702</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>76,099</u>	<u>(59,500)</u>	<u>16,599</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 31/5/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/5/20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	5,682	1,712	318	7,712
Designated fund	-	-	71,544	71,544
	5,682	1,712	71,862	79,256
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	82,373	17,437	(71,862)	27,948
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>88,055</u>	<u>19,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,204</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,732	(20)	1,712
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	87,204	(69,767)	17,437
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>88,936</u>	<u>(69,787)</u>	<u>19,149</u>



IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

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**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st May 2021 (2020: None).

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

	Year Ended 31/5/21 £	Period 31/5/19 to 31/5/20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	722	2,918
Grants	<u>71,333</u>	<u>70,337</u>
	72,055	73,255
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	<u>4,044</u>	<u>15,681</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	76,099	88,936
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Sundries	900	265
Cost of events	18,202	20,219
Professional fees	<u>5,203</u>	<u>6,010</u>
	24,305	26,494
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Room Hire	3,259	3,619
Wages	26,284	28,558
Volunteer Expenses	1,943	2,087
Office costs	<u>3,709</u>	<u>9,029</u>
	<u>35,195</u>	<u>43,293</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>59,500</u>	<u>69,787</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>16,599</u></u>	<u><u>19,149</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021  
FOR  
IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

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IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

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IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

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**TRUSTEES**

Ms M Lyons  
Ms F Sandford  
B Clynch  
L Donovan - Chairman  
Ms H Morris - Secretary  
Ms M King - Treasurer  
Ms H Warwick

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

1149576

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st May 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The aim of the charity is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing the older and more vulnerable members of our community from becoming socially excluded, and to help them live full and independent lives.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 and have regard to the public benefit guidance as issued by the Charity Commission as shown in the objectives above.

We have referred to the guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities in particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that they have set.

This public benefit statement forms the basis for all judgements regarding operational reports to the Board meetings, in order to be reassured that the facilities and services currently managed by the charity continue to meet these criteria. At these meeting, the Financial Controller also presents the quarterly financial position including taking account of any restricted funds and the Charity's status as a going concern.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

We provide outreach support to our more vulnerable members of the community that live throughout Stevenage, we make weekly home visits and also phone members that do not require regular visits. We also visit our members when they are in care homes, hospital or respite care. Through our social activities we provide social afternoons, which include live music, talks from community and statutory agencies, health awareness events, bingo sessions, a Men's Club, Line Dancing classes, 1:1 IT sessions and exercise classes, we also run a craft group, a Friendship Group for our most vulnerable members and organise a variety of day trips. In addition to this we also run our Christmas Savings Club and provide Christmas and a St Patrick's lunches for 200 members and guests.

It is hard to put into words how difficult this financial year has been, when the pandemic first struck no one could have predicted how our lives would change and are freedoms restricted. During the year we were in various forms of lockdown and everything we did had to be stopped or changed to enable social distancing, Throughout the year we continued to support our members and continued to advocate for change on their behalf. We also increased our remote support to our members in the form of increased phone calls, shopping, arranging care and much more, this will be detailed in throughout this report. During those 12 months we spent a huge amount of time working with Stevenage Borough Council, Herts County Council and all our local partners making sure the needs of our members were being met and we had to work very hard and respond very quickly to an ever-changing landscape. Being a smaller charity meant that we could respond quickly to need and address issues immediately whilst waiting for bigger statutory agencies to be able to respond and provide a long-term solution.

One of our key objectives was to help our members to live as independently as possible, and whilst the restrictions imposed due to Co-Vid changed how we could support members, we continued to do so in many different ways. Throughout the year we provided telephone support to members to identify areas where they may be able to improve their financial circumstances. We have a fantastic volunteer that has a huge amount of experience helping older people reduce their outgoings and claim their entitlements. We also arranged carers, did shopping, and organised bill payments and much more to help our members though this difficult time.

In addition to this support, we continued to run our very success our Wednesday Christmas Club, with nearly 200 participating in the savings scheme, this was very challenging as we could not open the office and deal with members face to face, but we supported all our members to arrange remote payments which meant they continued to save throughout the pandemic.

We participated in many local and national strategy meetings specifically addressing the new and emerging issues caused by the pandemic. Being a small local charity meant we could respond very quickly and were speaking to our members that were shielding almost daily to arrange the appropriate support. It was very important that during the pandemic we continued to represent our members wherever possible to ensure that they were not overlooked when local and national changes were being made.

Supporting our members through this most difficult time was a priority to us and we know that are members found it particularly difficult when they lost a loved one and were unable to pay their respects in the traditional way. We decided to hold a Remembrance Mass for those that were lost to us during Co-Vid and this was offered up for 70 people, which gives an indication of how our members and volunteers have been directly impacted by the pandemic, we were honored to have the Stevenage Mayor in attendance.

We are always looking at upskilling our Trustees and volunteers and we identified a gap in their IT knowledge, So we organised workshops which was provided by HAFLS and offered to members as well to address any issues we had when dealing with technology. This was a great success and we will be repeating this next year.

**IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

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In previous years We have provided outreach support to our more vulnerable members of the community that live throughout Stevenage, by making weekly home visits and also phoning members that do not require regular visits. We also visited our members when they were in care homes, hospital or respite care. Through our social activities we would usually provide social afternoons, which include live music, talks from community and statutory agencies, health awareness events, bingo sessions, a Men's Club, Line Dancing classes, 1:1 IT sessions and exercise classes, we also ran a monthly craft group, a Friendship Group for our most vulnerable members and organised a variety of day trips. In addition to this we also run our Christmas Savings Club and provide Christmas and a St Patrick's lunches for 200 members. Co-Vid restrictions meant that for most of the year we were unable to engage with any of our members in person, but there were brief periods when we were able to organise socially distanced line dancing classes and we started a Zoom exercise class. This was quite challenging as the technology was very new to us and we had to show our members how to access this remotely. When the restrictions lifted slightly, we had in-person exercise classes whilst maintain socially distancing, members were so appreciative of this as they had been confined to their homes for so long and were often struggling to stay motivated. Social engagements are so important to help reduce the effects of isolation so we did everything we could to engage with members. We worked very closely with Stevenage Football Club Foundation and they helped us produce leaflets giving members details of gentle exercises, quizzes and fun activities that they could do whilst staying at home. We were also able to arrange small group walks around our local lakes when outside group exercise was permissible. It has been such a difficult year but what kept us motivated was the impact of the support we were providing was having on our members and we know we were a lifeline for many.

We were so disappointed when we had to cancel our Christmas Lunch as this is one of the highlights of the year but we were so fortunate to receive funding from the Chauncy Charity and donations from Baldock Tesco which enabled us to create some lovely Christmas hampers which we hand-delivered to our members. We also had to cancel our St Patrick's Day lunch but were able to use funding for the Lottery to provide St Patrick's Day gift bags and we were honored to be helped by the Sherriff of Hertfordshire with the deliveries! As soon as the restrictions came into place we quickly organised a remote Craft Group to allow our members to improve on their existing craft skills or learn new ones. This was a great success and our group donated many items to the local hospitals, hospices and other charitable groups. It gave them a great feeling of satisfaction being able to give something back. No one knew when the restrictions were going to be lifted so it was very hard for us to plan anything, but we did our best to support our members in every way that we could. The last year has been the most challenging year so far for our more vulnerable members. The restrictions on their freedom and their ability to see friends and family will have an everlasting impact. We quickly saw that it was so important to reach out to our vulnerable members as often as possible and we did this by establish a bank of volunteers to make regular phone calls. We quickly realised that it wasn't just our members that had been previously supported by our Care in the Community programme, but all our members that appreciated the contact. So we expanded our telephone befriending scheme to include all members this was a huge undertaking and required a lot of commitment from our volunteers. We know for some members, we were often the only call they got all day, for some it was all week. So we had to ensure that we could commit to the level of support we were offering. We are pleased to say that our volunteers provided excellent support, which ranged from regular phone calls, to organising food shopping, paying bills for those members that were shielding and even providing technology that could be used to engage with family and friends. During this financial year we made over 9000 calls to members, many of these on a weekly basis. Sometimes it was very challenging, we did not know when the restrictions would be changed and it was hard for some members to have hope, but we persevered and identified those members that were struggling the most, we supported them by being a constant and dependable contact. Everyone we called said that we had brightened their day, and this made all the hard work worthwhile.



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

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One of the most challenging aspects was not being able to visit members in hospital, or at care homes or hospices, our volunteers found this very difficult, and we created a peer support group amongst them so they could share their concerns and support each other. We held a remembrance mass for those that were lost to us during Co-Vid, which was offered up for 70 people, this gives an indication of how our members and volunteers have been directly impacted by the pandemic.

Our volunteers have also made phone calls to statutory and non-statutory agencies on our member's behalf, dealing with agencies can be a daunting prospect, so we try and help whenever we can.

We also managed to take some of our vulnerable members out on a day trip to the gardens of a stately home, this was a lovely day and our members enjoyed themselves immensely. We are planning on having lots of more day trips when we are allowed and look forward to working very closely with Stepping Out who facilitate these trips.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

The Charity's income for the year was £76,099 (2020: £88,936) and expenditure of £59,500 (2020: £69,787), giving a net income of £16,599 (2020: £19,149)

##### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level which takes account of inflation

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT


##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution adopted June 2012, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

This is through an open and transparent process in line with the requirement of the charity. New trustees are nominated by existing trustees to fulfill any specific need within the board.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22-9-21 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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L Donovan - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Irish Network Stevenage**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Irish Network Stevenage (the Charity) for the year ended 31st May 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

M R Hubbocks FCA  
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Date: .....



IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

				Year Ended 31/5/21	Period 31/5/19 to 31/5/20
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<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
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<b>Total</b>		<b>190</b>	<b>75,909</b>	<b>76,099</b>	<b>88,936</b>
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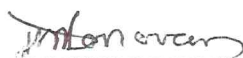
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IRISH NETWORK STEVENAGE

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L Donovan - Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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Donations and legacies	1,732	71,523	73,255
Other trading activities	<u>-</u>	<u>15,681</u>	<u>15,681</u>
<b>Total</b>	1,732	87,204	88,936
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	<u>20</u>	<u>69,767</u>	<u>69,787</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	1,712	17,437	19,149
Transfers between funds	<u>71,862</u>	<u>(71,862)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	73,574	(54,425)	19,149
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>5,682</u>	<u>82,373</u>	<u>88,055</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>79,256</u>	<u>27,948</u>	<u>107,204</u>

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>8,200</u>	<u>11,365</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/6/20	Net movement in funds	At 31/5/21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,711	(3,310)	4,401
Designated fund	<u>71,545</u>	<u>2,207</u>	<u>73,752</u>
	79,256	(1,103)	78,153
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	<u>27,948</u>	<u>17,702</u>	<u>45,650</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>107,204</u>	<u>16,599</u>	<u>123,803</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	(2,551)	(759)	(3,310)
Designated fund	<u>2,741</u>	<u>(534)</u>	<u>2,207</u>
	190	(1,293)	(1,103)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	<u>75,909</u>	<u>(58,207)</u>	<u>17,702</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>76,099</u>	<u>(59,500)</u>	<u>16,599</u>



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**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 31/5/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/5/20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	5,682	1,712	318	7,712
Designated fund	-	-	71,544	71,544
	5,682	1,712	71,862	79,256
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fund	82,373	17,437	(71,862)	27,948
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>88,055</u>	<u>19,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,204</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,732	(20)	1,712
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	87,204	(69,767)	17,437
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>88,936</u>	<u>(69,787)</u>	<u>19,149</u>

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7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st May 2021 (2020: None).

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

	Year Ended 31/5/21 £	Period 31/5/19 to 31/5/20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	722	2,918
Grants	<u>71,333</u>	<u>70,337</u>
	72,055	73,255
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	<u>4,044</u>	<u>15,681</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	76,099	88,936
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Sundries	900	265
Cost of events	18,202	20,219
Professional fees	<u>5,203</u>	<u>6,010</u>
	24,305	26,494
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Room Hire	3,259	3,619
Wages	26,284	28,558
Volunteer Expenses	1,943	2,087
Office costs	<u>3,709</u>	<u>9,029</u>
	<u>35,195</u>	<u>43,293</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>59,500</u>	<u>69,787</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>16,599</u></u>	<u><u>19,149</u></u>

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