

Registered Charity Number
1189636

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2021
for
Northampton Irish Support Group

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For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1189636

Principal address

Allston Gardens Youth & Community Ctr
2 Adelaide Street
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Trustees

P J Franks	Chairman
K McDonnell	Secretary
D McDonnell	Treasurer
M Ganley	
S Lynskey	
T Houston	

Independent examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives are the promotion of social inclusion among elderly persons in the Northamptonshire area, who are excluded from society as a result of their old age, by providing an outreach service; visiting people in homes, offering support, information and advice and by providing events and weekly meet-ups which include keep-fit class, monthly meals, dinner dances and outings.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The start of the year saw us collectively go into a lockdown. As most of our clients are vulnerable and elderly, this was a blow to general morale as they faced another extended period in isolation. We continued our Happy Pack project, delivering monthly packages to over 100 homes, including; homecooked hot meal and dessert, magazines, wordsearches and unique activities. For example, in January we provided all materials needed to take part in the 'Big Garden Birdwatch', encouraging our members to get outside and engage with nature in a month that can already be quite challenging, even in normal circumstances. In March, we did a special edition with 'craic packs', so we could still celebrate St. Patrick's Day in some way with our community, even though our usual dinner dance was not possible. In 2021, we delivered five rounds of Happy Packs to over 100 homes. We delivered our last Happy Packs in May, as we re-opened our community lunch in June. We were joined by the BBC Northampton Breakfast show on St. Patrick's Day to mark the occasion and share our 'craic pack' initiative.

In April, we began a weekly walking group, meeting at 11am every Thursday for a walk around Abington Park. This was a great way to get people together safely, encouraging fresh air, gentle exercise and keeping the sense of community alive. This initiative is still ongoing, the group have continued walking even through the winter months and Christmas holidays.

At the end of June, we re-opened our long-running Fáilte Club, with a keep fit class from 11-12pm and community lunch served from 12. The re-opening went very well, with numbers quickly returning to pre-pandemic numbers and the sense of community feeling strong. We hosted our first monthly meal at the end of June, spread over two days to enable social distancing. In 2021, we hosted 17 Fáilte Clubs, 5 monthly meals and 1 Christmas dinner dance at the Kingsley Park Working Men's Club.

We wanted the ethos of our Happy Pack initiative to continue post-pandemic, so in September we launched our Wellbeing Café, which runs on a pay what you feel basis from 1-4pm. We received funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to run this project for two years. In keeping with the ideology behind our happy pack project, at the Wellbeing Café, we have an array of activities including an arts and crafts table, book swap, knit and natter and more. Workshops held so far have included mindfulness and meditation, line dancing and chair yoga. We have also coordinated with the NHS Integrated Support Hub to have practitioners talk to attendees about how to handle a mental health crisis and the support available.

In 2021, we completed our Stories of Migration project, which tells the story of the journey of the Irish to Northampton over the past century and the part they have played in the town's history. This is presented in full colour print, which professional illustrations to bring the project to life. We will have a launch event at the Guildhall in March 2022, around St. Patrick's Day. We have printed 2000 copies of this project for distribution. A final call out for contributions to the project was featured on the BBC Northampton Breakfast Show, the BBC and Irish World.

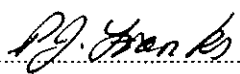
Our outreach service continues to be in demand, with our Community Development Manager assisting vulnerable community members with tasks such as lifts to medical appointments, visiting housebound people in their homes and assisting with tasks such as passport applications.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Cash in bank as of 31/12/2020 was 6K in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from the Irish Embassy's Emigrant Support Programme. These funds are held to cover 2 month's of operational costs in the event of loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8.2.2022 and signed on its behalf by:


P J Franks - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Northampton Irish Support Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages four to nine.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

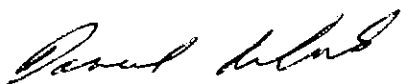
I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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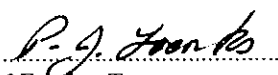
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Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/12/21 Total funds £	31/12/20 Total funds £
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FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	3	597	-	597	896
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	5,138	-	5,138	2,784
Cash at bank		<u>41,993</u>	<u>20,720</u>	<u>62,713</u>	<u>56,052</u>
		47,131	20,720	67,851	58,836
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,313)	-	(1,313)	(600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>45,818</u>	<u>20,720</u>	<u>66,538</u>	<u>58,236</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,515	20,720	67,135	59,132
NET ASSETS		<u>46,515</u>	<u>20,720</u>	<u>67,135</u>	<u>59,132</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				46,415	37,115
Restricted funds				<u>20,720</u>	<u>22,017</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>67,135</u>	<u>59,132</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 8.2.2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


P J Franks - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Northampton Irish Support Group
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended
31st December 2021

	2021			2020
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>	ESP	Other	Total	Total
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	43,000	-	43,000	45,000
2019 Clawback due to unfilled post	0		0	-2,961
Other Income/donations	-	19,319	19,319	15,804
	43,000	19,319	62,319	57,843
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Events	-	6,414	6,414	6,124
Trip	-	-	-	0
Wages	38,512	2,442	40,954	41,406
Rent	3,452	-	3,452	2,436
Insurance	608	-	608	600
Telephone	547	-	547	577
Printing, postage and stationery	-	570	570	321
Travel expenses	-	89	89	160
Sundry expenses	-	205	205	0
Accountancy	552	-	552	600
Professional fees	626	-	626	590
Depreciation	-	299	299	0
	44,297	10,019	54,316	52,814
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	-1,297	9,300	8,003	5,029
<u>Funds accounts</u>				
Balance at 1 January 2021	22,017	37,115	59,132	54,103
Balance at 31 December 2021	20,720	46,415	67,135	59,132

ESP - Department of Foreign Affairs; Emigrant Support Programme

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Income and Expenditure Account
ESP Grant 2021 six monthly breakdown

	£	£	£	£
	1st July -31st December 2020	1st January- 30th June 2021	1st July -31st December 2021	2021 Total
<u>Income</u>				
Grant Received	45,000	-	43,000	43,000
2019 Clawback due to unfilled post	-2,961		0	0
	42,039	0	43,000	43,000
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Wages	20,927	20,477	18,035	38,512
Rent	800	1,600	1,852	3,452
Insurance	600	-	608	608
Telephone	224	275	272	547
Printing, postage and stationery	0	0	0	0
Accountancy	-	552	0	552
Professional fees	295	313	313	626
	22,846	23,217	21,080	44,297
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year	19,193	-23,217	21,920	-1,297
Balance of grant brought forward	2,824	22,017	-1,200	22,017
Balance of grant carried forward	22,017	-1,200	20,720	20,720