

Registered Charity Number
1189636

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
Northampton Irish Support Group

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For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1189636

Principal address

Alliston Gardens Youth & Community Centre
2 Adelaide Street
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Trustees

P J Franks - Treasurer
S Lynskey
K McDonnell
D McDonnell - Chair
M Ganley
T Houston
D Franks

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 last year has been a continued success with increasing popularity and even more variation in the different activities we offer. We have been able to further the awareness of our organisation with a selection of new comers joining us on a regular basis and we continue to aid those in need with support such as passport applications, birth/death certificates, bills, hospital appointments, prescriptions, legal documentation and much more. The outreach service is still very much in demand and so our Community Development Manager continues to make house calls to those who are vulnerable and unable to venture out.

Our community lunches at the Fáilte Club on Tuesdays have grown and the atmosphere is always uplifting with lots of laughter and chatting amongst big groups of friends. We have seen the community in Northampton come together and engage in these weekly events, highlighting the importance of social interaction.

Every Tuesday we are still hosting the Fáilte Club and witnessing the community come together we have become aware of just how important our weekly gatherings are for so many members of the local community. There is a lot of chatting, laughing and plenty of catching up between big groups of friends. We like to emphasise the importance of physical fitness and so we have also enjoyed seeing the increasing numbers of people attending the Keep Fit class on Tuesday mornings at 11am before the lunch. Additionally, we are continuing to hold our big monthly meals where we do a larger two course lunch at cost price on a Tuesday. These are especially good for our members during the colder winter months and since the price of food has increased so much.

Our Thursdays are similarly uplifting and the Wellbeing Café continues to grow with numbers gradually increasing throughout 2023. The Wellbeing Café is open to all and a great place for tea & coffee, toasties & sandwiches, games, workshops/classes/talks and much more, as well as lots of chatting. With the aim of increasing variety for our customers at the Wellbeing Café we always try to hold themed, seasonal events such as the Halloween Special where we carved pumpkins and decorated cakes and biscuits. We also decorate the community centre for Christmas with a big buffet lunch. There have been a selection of afternoon tea's and other parties throughout the year with the intention of boosting our numbers and giving people something a little different to look forward to. Furthermore, we have had Tai Chi sessions, art classes, dancing, chair yoga classes, games competitions and many more activities. We aim to provide something a bit different each week but we do have our regular activities, such as bingo and Knit and Natter as well. We do often get requests for popular activities to come back and we are continuing to introduce new activities.

We hosted another successful St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance with an attendance of around 120. The atmosphere was uplifting with lots of dancing and a delicious traditional dinner. We often find that the larger events help to bring an even wider selection of the Northamptonshire community together as people bring friends and family along with them who would otherwise be unable to attend our weekly events.

We were also able to enjoy two trips; one day trip to Greenford for the Irish festival with around 50 people attending and a week long trip to Scotland with around 40 in attendance and a lot of activities for everyone to experience.

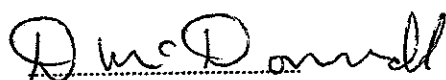
Our final big event of the year was our annual Christmas Dinner Dance with 120 people all enjoying the festivities, dancing and eating a tasty two course Christmas meal. We were able to arrange for Irish In The UK to come and join us for this event, helping us to expand, making more people aware of what we do at Northampton Irish Support Group. It was a very successful event and we were able to watch the show on TV a week later!

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

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 months 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 30/01/2024 and signed on its behalf by:


D McDonnell - Trustee

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Northampton Irish Support Group (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

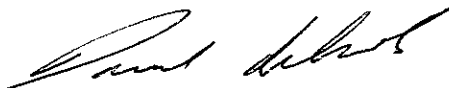
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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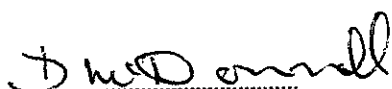
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Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2023

			31/12/23	31/12/22
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total funds
	funds	fund		
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	265	-	265	398
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	1,691	-	1,691	993
Cash at bank	<u>66,366</u>	<u>21,162</u>	<u>87,528</u>	<u>78,068</u>
	68,057	21,162	88,667	79,061
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	(552)	-	(552)	(552)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>67,505</u>	<u>21,162</u>	<u>88,667</u>	<u>78,509</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>67,770</u>	<u>21,162</u>	<u>88,932</u>	<u>78,907</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>67,770</u>	<u>21,162</u>	<u>88,932</u>	<u>78,907</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds			67,770	59,322
Restricted funds			<u>21,162</u>	<u>19,585</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>88,932</u>	<u>78,907</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30/01/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


D McDonnell -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Northampton Irish Support Group
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended
31st December 2023

<u>Income</u>	2023			2022
	£ ESP	£ Other	£ Total	£ Total
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	45,000	-	45,000	43,500
Other Income/donations	-	28,763	28,763	33,811
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>28,763</u>	<u>73,763</u>	<u>77,311</u>
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Events	-	11,348	11,348	14,792
Trip	-	-	-	-
Wages	37,965	2,989	40,954	40,954
Rent	2,824	4,320	7,144	4,424
Insurance	616	-	616	611
Telephone	792	-	792	574
Printing, postage and stationery	-	785	785	2,369
Travel expenses	-	360	360	326
Sundry expenses	-	380	380	64
Accountancy	600	-	600	600
Professional fees	626	-	626	626
Depreciation	-	133	133	199
	<u>43,423</u>	<u>20,315</u>	<u>63,738</u>	<u>65,539</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,577	8,448	10,025	11,772
<u>Funds accounts</u>				
Balance at 1 January 2023	<u>19,585</u>	<u>59,322</u>	<u>78,907</u>	<u>67,135</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>21,162</u>	<u>67,770</u>	<u>88,932</u>	<u>78,907</u>

ESP - Department of Foreign Affairs; Emigrant Support Programme

Northampton Irish Support Group
Income and Expenditure Account
ESP Grant 2023 six monthly breakdown

	£	£	£	£
	1st July -31st December 2022	1st January- 30th June 2023	1st July -31st December 2023	2023 Total
<u>Income</u>				
Grant Received	43,500	-	45,000	45,000
	<u>43,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Wages	18,900	18,900	19,065	37,965
Rent	1,412	1,412	1,412	2,824
Insurance	611	-	616	616
Telephone	289	317	475	792
Printing, postage and stationery	0	0	0	0
Accountancy	0	600	0	600
Professional fees	313	313	313	626
	<u>21,525</u>	<u>21,542</u>	<u>21,881</u>	<u>43,423</u>
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year	21,975	-21,542	23,119	1,577
Balance of grant brought forward	<u>-2,390</u>	<u>19,585</u>	<u>-1,957</u>	<u>19,585</u>
Balance of grant carried forward	19,585	-1,957	21,162	21,162