

Registered Charity Number
1189636

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
Northampton Irish Support Group

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For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

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 seen a firm consolidation with regards to the growing awareness and the number of activities that have been offered to clients. The many new comers who joined us in 2023 have continued to attend events, with continuing further numerical additions, and have expressed their fondness for their continued inclusion and involvement in the activities of this association. The association has continued to aid those in need with support, such as birth/death certificates, passport applications, bills, hospital appointments, prescriptions, legal documentation and many other such needs as required. The continuing outreach service is very much in demand, with our Community Development Manager continuing to undertake house calls to those who are vulnerable or housebound.

The organisation continues to provide and support the community through their social activities, which include the Failte Club on a Tuesday, which offers homemade lunches and the Community Wellbeing Café, which is a snack based social environment, with its aim being about companionship and sharing through conversation and games. Every Tuesday morning there is a Keep Fit class, with its emphasis being on movement and humour. Additionally, we are holding our monthly two course lunch at cost price which continues to be a positive and well attended event with the winter lunches in particular not only being about a place of food and community, but importantly one of warmth.

The recognition of celebrations throughout the year plays a big part in the association's life, with events and activities taking on such days as St Patrick's, Halloween and Burns's Night. These major celebrations are complemented by regular impromptu parties, afternoon teas and 'themed tastes' from around the world. These celebrations and comings together often see 50 to 120 people in attendance and the feedback is often that these events, especially the major celebrations, bring not only regular members of our community together, but also are family inclusive.

The association has organised day trips for the members, which have included Skegness, on the coast, and a visit to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley, with these days out offering the members a chance to experience, often, a new environment.

The association's aim is to continue offering the members a place of community, safety and warmth and through its regular ongoing social activities, whether they be large or small, to create a sense of being together through companionship which creates friendship.

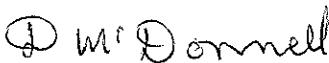
FINANCIAL REVIEW

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 on29/1/2025..... 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 2024.

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

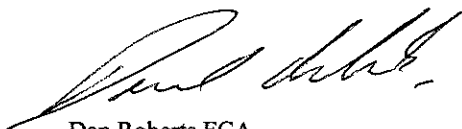
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK 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.

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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Date: 30/1/2025

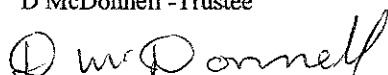
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Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31/12/24 Total funds £	31/12/23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	177	-	177	265
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	-	-	-	1,691
Cash at bank	<u>78,154</u>	<u>22,498</u>	<u>100,652</u>	<u>87,528</u>
	78,154	22,498	100,652	88,667
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(552)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(552)</u>	<u>(552)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>77,602</u>	<u>22,498</u>	<u>100,100</u>	<u>88,667</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>77,779</u>	<u>22,498</u>	<u>100,277</u>	<u>88,932</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>77,779</u>	<u>22,498</u>	<u>100,277</u>	<u>88,932</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds			77,777	67,770
Restricted funds			<u>22,500</u>	<u>21,162</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>100,277</u>	<u>88,932</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29/1/2025 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 2024

<u>Income</u>	2024			2023
	£ ESP	£ Other	£ Total	£ Total
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	45,000	-	45,000	45,000
Other Income/donations	-	23,516	23,516	28,763
	45,000	23,516	68,516	73,763
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Events	-	7,118	7,118	11,348
Trip	-	-	-	-
Wages	38,130	3,811	41,941	40,954
Rent	3,069	1,841	4,910	7,144
Insurance	675	-	675	616
Telephone	857	-	857	792
Printing, postage and stationery	-	221	221	785
Travel expenses	-	146	146	360
Sundry expenses	-	283	283	380
Accountancy	600	-	600	600
Professional fees	331	-	331	626
Depreciation	-	89	89	133
	43,662	13,509	57,171	63,738
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,338	10,007	11,345	10,025
<u>Funds accounts</u>				
Balance at 1 January 2024	21,162	67,770	88,932	78,907
Balance at 31 December 2024	22,500	77,777	100,277	88,932

ESP - Department of Foreign Affairs; Emigrant Support Programme

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Income and Expenditure Account
ESP Grant 2024 six monthly breakdown

	£	£	£	£
	1st July -31st December 2023	1st January- 30th June 2024	1st July -31st December 2024	2024 Total
<u>Income</u>				
Grant Received	45,000	-	45,000	45,000
	45,000	0	45,000	45,000
<u>Less: Expenses</u>				
Wages	19,065	19,065	19,065	38,130
Rent	1,412	1,068	2,001	3,069
Insurance	616	-	675	675
Telephone	475	497	360	857
Printing, postage and stationery	0	0	0	0
Accountancy	0	600	0	600
Professional fees	313	331	0	331
	21,881	21,561	22,101	43,662
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year	23,119	-21,561	22,899	1,338
Balance of grant brought forward	-844	21,162	-399	21,162
Balance of grant carried forward	21,162	-399	22,500	22,500