

G-old Community Partnership

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100101

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Activities

Purposes: The Charity's objects ("Objects") are to enhance the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of children aged under four years and protect and improve the health, well-being and capacity of their parents and of parents to be and their unborn child who are resident in the wards of Gortalowry, Oldtown, Killymoon, Dunamore, Ardboe, Maghera and Pomeroy (the 'area of benefit') by: (i) providing a range of services to support the diverse needs of families with such children (ii) providing a range of community and home based interventions which will improve the lives of such children and their families.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Disability, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Medical/health/sickness, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Ethnic minorities, Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Specific areas of deprivation, Travellers, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,221,327	£1,221,318	£-2,058	39

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Frances Mckenna		
Mrs Martina Watson		
Patricia Lewsley-Mooney		
Riognach Murphy		

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Accounts

Company Registration No. NI 41112 (Northern Ireland)
Registered Charity No. NIC 100101

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

COMPANY INFORMATION

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Martina Watson
Sharon Burnett
Riognach Murphy
Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE

Secretary Mary Tennyson

Company number NI 41112

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G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Background

Sure Start projects are targeted at the 0-4 age group in areas of deprivation, measured in terms of the current impact on children's life chances and the shortfall in fulfilling children's potential. Sure Start projects work with parents and children to promote the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of children - particularly those who are disadvantaged - to make sure they are ready to make the most of opportunities when they get to school.

The G-old Community Partnership Sure Start Initiative has been in operation since February 2001.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The appointment of trustees is in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, whereby the trustees of the charity shall comprise of no more than one person from each of the organisations/agencies/bodies represented.

The trustees can also appoint representatives from other organisations as trustees if the organisation supports the objects of the charity and have an interest in the area of benefit, providing that a resolution for such an appointment is approved by not less than 75 per cent of the trustees holding office at that time.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Oldtown, Gortallowry, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy, Maghera and Town Parks East 2 and in particular but not exclusively antenatal parents, children under four years of age and their families, without distinction of sex, age, race, or political, religious or other opinions by associating together with the said inhabitants, local authorities, public agencies and voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to relieve poverty, preserve and protect health, advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

It aims to achieve these objects by:

- improving health by supporting parents in caring for children and promoting children's health and development;
- improving the ability to learn by encouraging stimulatory play, improving language skills, and the early identification and support of children with learning difficulties; and
- improving social development by supporting the development of early relationships between parents and children, good parenting skills, family functioning, and early identification and support of children with emotional, learning and behavioural difficulties.

Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Frances McKenna
Martina Watson
Sharon Burnett
Riognach Murphy
Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE

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Achievements and performance

G-old Community Partnership Surestart activities continue to benefit the inhabitants of Gortalowry, Oldtown, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy, Maghera and Town Parks East 2 Magherafelt wards. Department of Education confirmed previous expansion funding to be included as part of the core budget.

During 2024-2025 G-old Community Partnership had a slight decrease in number of children registered (1192) and increase in parents registered (1772). Service uptake by families was 53%, an overall decrease of 6% on the previous year. Staff vacancies and hold on recruitment due to uncertainty re implications of changes to governance arrangements significantly impacted on service delivery in particular the lack of available Outreach Play staff who were required to cover sick leave and maintain ratios in the Developmental Programmes for 2-3 Year Olds, hence reduced crèche-based activities for families.

The Surestart Developmental Programmes for 2–3-Year-Olds were delivered to 98 children across 6 sites, i.e., 2 programmes in both Ardboe Resource Centre and Cookstown Primary School, 1 programme in St Joseph's, Killeenan, St Mary's, Dunamore, Rowantree Centre, Pomeroy and The Lurach Centre, Maghera. The introduction of an online application process proved very successful with 120 Expression of Interests received for 96 places, as every year some programmes were oversubscribed with a waiting list in place. Vacant posts and sick leave meant staff were required work across all sites to ensure programmes kept open. Efforts to identify alternative premises for the programmes in Cookstown were not successful and appreciation is extended to the Acting Principal of Cookstown Primary School for use of a classroom in the school.

Gold Community Partnership along with the other SureStart projects in the Northern Trust has been successful in achieving UNICEF Baby Friendly Stage 3 Reaccreditation and staff support weekly breast feeding groups in Cookstown and Magherafelt.

The impact of service delivery for parents has been evaluated using QR codes with a Microsoft forms survey and responses collated on a quarterly basis indicate service user satisfaction and support.

Annual Inspections of all registered sites were carried out by NHSCT Early Years Social Work team in January and February 2025 and while the report has not been received, feedback was positive with recommendation staff to receive training on managing the complaints process and some policy updates.

As parents continue to experience financial pressures due to cost of living crisis staff made referrals for 20 families to Barnardos Child Poverty Fund in addition to seeking support from other charitable organisations such as Baby Basics, Antioch and Liberty Churches, SVP for food hampers, clothing and baby provisions.

During the past year 4 staff were on long term sick leave and 5 staff resigned including Speech Therapist, Speech Therapy Assistant, Volunteer/NICMA Coordinator and Childcare staff. At the end of March 2025, 38 posts were filled and 5 vacancies to be being recruited. Staffing pressures created pressure for the team and business targets were impacted with reduction in play activities due to the need for Outreach Play team support in the Developmental programmes. Sincere appreciation is extended to the staff team who worked with commitment and passion to support children and families.

Following the decision by Causeway and Mid Ulster Womens Aid to withdraw from the role of Accountable Body, Department of Education through the Strategic Planning and Performance Group had a lengthy period of consultation to consider an alternative Accountable Body representative and in October 2024 approval for Barnardos to take on this role was given. Womens Aid withdrawal also resulted in a TUPE process with staff consultations in November/ December 2024 when they had the opportunity to retain their posts and become Barnardos employees. On 1st January 17 staff moved over to Barnardos with 3 further staff doing so by end of March 2025.

Changes in governance initiated the transfer of all assets from Gold Community Partnership to Barnardos including changes to financial processes and monitoring. Solicitors have been employed to oversee the legal requirements of this transfer process. Gold Community Partnership bank account is no longer being used for financial processes and payments from Department of Education has transferred to Barnardos. Changes in governance arrangements during the past year added to the work of the committee and in particular the responsibilities of the chairperson. Appreciation is extended to committee members for their commitment during this time.

Gold Community Partnership Management committee continues to support staff and provide effective oversight of the programme delivery and accountability for use of funds.

Despite the challenges outlined Gold Community Partnership has offered substantial support to families throughout the past year and signposted to other agencies for additional support.

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Future Plans

- Completion of all outstanding processes relating to change of governance arrangements at Gold Community Partnership.
- Roll out of staff induction and update training on Barnardos systems for staff who have been subject to TUPE process and are Barnardos employees from January 2025.
- Roll out of support to families through use of Sensory rooms in Cookstown and Magherafelt for children with emerging needs.
- Recruitment of staff for vacant posts in Admin, Outreach Support, Childcare, Team Manager and SLC.
- Review of staff structure to meet service needs including increase of Outreach and Childcare staff subject to budget confirmation.

Financial Review

The bulk of the charitable company's income is funded by the Department of Education via the Health and Social Care Board, and this is matched by expenditure in the year to achieve a break-even result. This is in line with the conditions of the funding provided by the Department of Education (via SPPG) and does not allow the company to accumulate reserves

Auditor

The auditor, David Lyttle + Co Ltd, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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By order of the board

Mary Tennyson
Secretary
22 October 2025

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of G-old Community Partnership (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Erica Convery (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of David Lyttle + Co Ltd

22 October 2025

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
DE (via SPPG) funding	1,221,327	-	1,221,327	1,172,661
Tansferred to capital grant	-	-	-	(9,790)
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	<u>1,221,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221,327</u>	<u>1,162,871</u>
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	(1,213,489)	463	(1,213,026)	(1,168,801)
Governance costs	(8,292)	-	(8,292)	(8,324)
Total resources expended	<u>(1,221,781)</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>(1,221,318)</u>	<u>(1,177,125)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>(454)</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>(14,254)</u>
Net movement in funds	(454)	463	9	(14,254)
Total funds brought forward at 1 April	-	285	285	14,539
Total funds carried forward at 31 March	<u>(454)</u>	<u>748</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>285</u>

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the statement of financial activities.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		32,274		39,769
Current assets					
Debtors	5	1,569		1,569	
Cash at bank and in hand		783		5,507	
		<u>2,352</u>		<u>7,076</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(2,058)</u>		<u>(6,791)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>294</u>		<u>285</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>32,568</u>		<u>40,054</u>
Capital grants			<u>(32,274)</u>		<u>(39,769)</u>
Net assets			<u><u>294</u></u>		<u><u>285</u></u>
Funds					
General reserves	8		<u>294</u>		<u>285</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>294</u></u>		<u><u>285</u></u>

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 22 October 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

Sharon Burnett
Director

Company Registration No. NI 41112

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Company information

G-old Community Partnership is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Third Floor, Loy Buildings, 18-24 Loy Street, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 8PE.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006, except for the treatment of capital grants.

G-OLD Community Partnership meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accountancy policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the provider of the funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis as stipulated by the main funder. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis to reflect the use of the resource.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office furniture and fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line
Toy library	50% straight line

1.4 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.5 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

1.6 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.7 Government grants

Capital grants are credited to deferred revenue. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3 Employees

The average monthly number of persons carrying out duties for the company during the year was 41 (2024 - 42). All of these individuals are employed by other organisations.

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £	Toy library £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	348,659	30,074	378,733
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	308,890	30,074	338,964
Depreciation charged in the year	7,495	-	7,495
At 31 March 2025	316,385	30,074	346,459
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	32,274	-	32,274
At 31 March 2024	39,769	-	39,769

Fixed assets are funded by DE (via SPPG)

5 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	1,569	1,569

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	2,058	6,791

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7 Capital grants

	£
Balance at 1 April 2024	39,769
Amortisation in the year	(7,495)
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Balance at 31 March 2025	32,274
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8 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	32,274	-	32,274
Debtors	1,569	-	1,569
Cash at bank and in hand	35	748	783
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,058)	-	(2,058)
Capital grants	(32,274)	-	(32,274)
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	(454)	748	294
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9 Movements in funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Fund transfer £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	285	-	463	-	748
Restricted funds	-	1,221,327	(1,221,781)	-	(454)
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	285	1,221,327	(1,221,318)	-	294
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**G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
DE (via SPPG) funding	1,221,327	-	1,221,327	1,172,660
Allocated to capital grant	-	-	-	(9,790)
	<u>1,221,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221,327</u>	<u>1,162,871</u>
<i>Other incoming resources</i>				
Total incoming resources	<u>1,221,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221,327</u>	<u>1,162,871</u>
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	(1,213,489)	463	(1,213,026)	(1,168,801)
Governance costs	(8,292)	-	(8,292)	(8,324)
Total resources expended	<u>(1,221,781)</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>(1,221,318)</u>	<u>(1,177,125)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(454)	463	9	(14,254)
Surplus for the year	<u>(454)</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>(14,254)</u>

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

SCHEDULE OF RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Direct Costs				
Barnardo's Project Workers	-	-	-	-
NHSCT Wages	67,319	-	67,319	77,584
NICMA childminding coordinator	3,083	-	3,083	11,553
Outreach Community Support	86,272	-	86,272	60,753
NICMA training courses	-	-	-	300
NICMA respite fees	26,280	-	26,280	24,112
Childcare Workers	61,018	-	61,018	90,357
Two year olds programme salaries	323,460	-	323,460	312,227
Casual Creche Workers/Volunteer Expenses	7,113	-	7,113	19,317
Parental Self Development Courses	37,846	-	37,846	40,837
Early Years Coordinator	64,609	-	64,609	68,263
Support costs				
Wages and salaries	162,906	-	162,906	171,774
Training	6,104	-	6,104	9,249
Premises insurance	7,197	-	7,197	14,076
Power, light and heat	8,554	-	8,554	15,900
Property repairs and maintenance	62,570	-	62,570	37,785
Lead Body fees	119,979	-	119,979	44,802
NICMA Management fees	335	-	335	1,340
Women's Aid Management fees	17,175	-	17,175	22,900
Membership and subscription fees	3,460	-	3,460	3,177
Printing and stationery	10,939	-	10,939	13,096
Advertising	393	-	393	1,784
Telecommunications	10,670	-	10,670	13,664
Hire of premises/rent re: storage	88,912	-	88,912	80,996
Travelling expenses	11,464	-	11,464	8,885
Bank charges	349	-	349	414
Sundry expenses	744	(463)	281	352
Barnardos IT Support/NCP Database	24,147	-	24,147	21,767
Team Building	500	-	500	1,328
Partnership expenses	91	-	91	209
Amortisation of capital grant	(7,495)	-	(7,495)	(9,993)
Depreciation	7,495	-	7,495	9,993
	<u>1,213,489</u>	<u>(463)</u>	<u>1,213,026</u>	<u>1,168,801</u>

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

SCHEDULE OF RESOURCES EXPENDED (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Governance costs

Audit fees	2,400	-	2,400	2,280
Staff costs	5,892	-	5,892	5,962
	<u>8,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,292</u>	<u>8,324</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,221,781</u>	<u>(463)</u>	<u>1,221,318</u>	<u>1,177,125</u>

G-old Community Partnership

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100101

Accounts

Company Registration No. NI 41112 (Northern Ireland)
Registered Charity No. NIC 100101

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	Frances McKenna Martina Watson Sharon Burnett Riognach Murphy Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE	(Appointed 8 March 2024)
Secretary	Mary Tennyson	
Company number	NI 41112	
Registered office	Third Floor Loy Buildings 18-24 Loy Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PE	
Auditor	David Lyttle + Co Ltd Station House 46 Molesworth Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PA	
Business address	Third Floor Loy Buildings 18-24 Loy Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PE	
Bankers	Ulster Bank 20 William Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8ND	
Solicitors	Toal & Heron Solicitors 10 Loy Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PE	

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Background

Sure Start projects are targeted at the 0-4 age group in areas of deprivation, measured in terms of the current impact on children's life chances and the shortfall in fulfilling children's potential. Sure Start projects work with parents and children to promote the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of children - particularly those who are disadvantaged - to make sure they are ready to make the most of opportunities when they get to school.

The G-old Community Partnership Sure Start Initiative has been in operation since February 2001.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The appointment of trustees is in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, whereby the trustees of the charity shall comprise of no more than one person from each of the organisations/agencies/bodies represented.

The trustees can also appoint representatives from other organisations as trustees if the organisation supports the objects of the charity and have an interest in the area of benefit, providing that a resolution for such an appointment is approved by not less than 75 per cent of the trustees holding office at that time.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Oldtown, Gortallowry, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy, Maghera and Town Parks East 2 and in particular but not exclusively antenatal parents, children under four years of age and their families, without distinction of sex, age, race, or political, religious or other opinions by associating together with the said inhabitants, local authorities, public agencies and voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to relieve poverty, preserve and protect health, advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

It aims to achieve these objects by:

- improving health by supporting parents in caring for children and promoting children's health and development;
- improving the ability to learn by encouraging stimulatory play, improving language skills, and the early identification and support of children with learning difficulties; and
- improving social development by supporting the development of early relationships between parents and children, good parenting skills, family functioning, and early identification and support of children with emotional, learning and behavioural difficulties.

Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Frances McKenna

Martina Watson

Sharon Burnett

Riognach Murphy

Judith Searle

Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE

(Resigned 23 May 2023)

(Appointed 8 March 2024)

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

G-old Community Partnership – Surestart charitable activities have experienced some changes due to the impact of the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic. However, activities continue to benefit the inhabitants of Gortallowry, Oldtown, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy and Maghera wards. In August 2021 additional funding was provided to roll out services in an additional ward -Town Parks East, Magherafelt, this continues as expansion funding.

During 2023-2024 G-old Community Partnership had a slight decrease in number of children registered (1,377) and increase in parents registered (1,684). Service uptake by families was 59%, an overall decrease of 5% on the previous year. Staff vacancies and recruitment difficulties did significantly impact on service delivery in particular the lack of available Outreach Play staff who were required to cover sick leave and maintain ratios in the Developmental Programmes for 2-3 year olds, hence reduced creche-based activities for families.

The Surestart Developmental Programmes for 2–3-Year-Olds were delivered to 98 children across 6 sites, i.e., 2 programmes in both Ardboe Resource Centre and Cookstown Primary School, 1 programme in St Joseph's, Killeenan, St Mary's, Dunamore, Rowantree Centre, Pomeroy and The Lurach Centre, Maghera. As with every year some programmes were oversubscribed with a waiting list in place. Staff worked flexibly across all sites to ensure programmes kept open. Health and Safety issues forced the programmes in Cookstown to relocate to a classroom within Cookstown Primary School as the mobiles were deemed unsafe for use by Barnardos Property Advisor.

Repairs were also carried out to the heating system in St Marys Dunamore and a new front door installed. Patio doors were installed at the Rowantree Centre, Pomeroy to enable children to directly access the outside play area from the room used for the Developmental Programme.

Gold Community Partnership along with the other SureStart projects in the Northern Trust continues to promote breast feeding support for mothers and maintains UNICEF Baby Friendly Stage 3 status. Two breast feeding groups run weekly in Cookstown and Magherafelt and generally are well attended.

Progress has been made with the introduction of evaluative processes including Microsoft Forms and QR codes to evaluate programme impact and outcomes.

Annual Inspections of all registered sites were carried out by NHSCT Early Years Social Work team in January and February 2024 with acknowledgment of the high standard of service delivery. Some policy updates were suggested.

As parents continue to experience financial pressures due to cost of living crisis Gold continues to seek to identify support such as food hampers, food vouchers, fuel stamps etc from other charitable organisations including Baby Basics, Antioch and Liberty Churches, SVP .

During the past year 3 staff were on long term sick leave leading to dismissal of 2 on health grounds. 4 staff resigned and 2 staff returned from long term sick leave and fostering leave. At year end there were 42 post filled and 5 vacant posts.. It has been another very stressful year for the staff team and sincere appreciation is extended to all who worked with commitment and passion to support families. .

Absence of confirmation of budget for 23/24 and concern for potential reduction in funding did impact on timely recruitment and planning activities for the year ahead is very difficult.

In July 2023 Causeway and Mid Ulster Womens Aid provided the Childcare Partnership with notice of their intention to withdraw from the role of Accountable Body. This has led to significant discussion and negotiation with Department of Education and Childcare Partnership to identify the process for Appointment of Accountable Body and impact of this change. These discussions are ongoing and in the interim Causeway and Mid Ulster Womens Aid continue as Accountable Body.

Gold Community Partnership Management committee continues to support staff and provide effective oversight of the programme delivery and accountability for use of funds.

Despite the challenges outlined Gold Community Partnership has offered substantial support to families throughout the past year and signposted to other agencies for additional support.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Future Plans

- Approval from DE/Childcare Partnership on process for replacing Causeway and Mid Ulster Womens Aid as Accountable Body.
- Increased programme delivery to children and their families to increase uptake of service.
- Increase service delivery in Town Parks East 2, Magherafelt.
- Development of Sensory space provision in Cookstown and Magherafelt for children with emerging needs.
- Recruitment of staff for vacant posts in Admin, Outreach Support, Childcare, Team Manager and SLC.
- Identification of suitable accommodation for Developmental Programme for 2-3 year olds in Cookstown.

Financial Review

The bulk of the charitable company's income is funded by the Department of Education via the Health and Social Care Board, and this is matched by expenditure in the year to achieve a break-even result. This is in line with the conditions of the funding provided by the Department of Education (via SPPG) and does not allow the company to accumulate reserves

Auditor

The auditor, David Lyttle + Co Ltd, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

By order of the board

Mary Tennyson
Secretary
26 September 2024

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of G-old Community Partnership (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

David Lyttle (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of David Lyttle + Co Ltd

26 September 2024

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
DE (via SPPG) funding	1,172,661	-	1,172,661	1,186,662
Tansferred to capital grant	(9,790)	-	(9,790)	(14,796)
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	<u>1,162,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,162,871</u>	<u>1,171,866</u>
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	(1,168,801)	-	(1,168,801)	(1,150,223)
Governance costs	(8,324)	-	(8,324)	(8,086)
Total resources expended	<u>(1,177,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,177,125)</u>	<u>(1,158,309)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>13,557</u>
2022 underspend returned to DE	-	-	-	(8,000)
Net movement in funds	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>5,557</u>
Total funds brought forward at 1 April	13,979	560	14,539	8,982
Transfer between funds	275	(275)		
Total funds carried forward at 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>14,539</u>

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the statement of financial activities.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		39,769		39,972
Current assets					
Debtors	5	1,569		1,569	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,507		22,569	
		<u>7,076</u>		<u>24,138</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(6,791)		(9,599)	
Net current assets			<u>285</u>		<u>14,539</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>40,054</u>		<u>54,511</u>
Capital grants			(39,769)		(39,972)
Net assets			<u><u>285</u></u>		<u><u>14,539</u></u>
Funds					
General reserves	8		<u>285</u>		<u>14,539</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>285</u></u>		<u><u>14,539</u></u>

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 26 September 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

Sharon Burnett
Director

Company Registration No. NI 41112

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Company information

G-old Community Partnership is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Third Floor, Loy Buildings, 18-24 Loy Street, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 8PE.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006, except for the treatment of capital grants.

G-OLD Community Partnership meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accountancy policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the provider of the funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis as stipulated by the main funder. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis to reflect the use of the resource.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office furniture and fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line
Toy library	50% straight line

1.4 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.5 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

1.6 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.7 Government grants

Capital grants are credited to deferred revenue. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3 Employees

The average monthly number of persons carrying out duties for the company during the year was 42 (2023 - 47). All of these individuals are employed by other organisations.

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £	Toy library £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	338,869	30,074	368,943
Additions	9,790	-	9,790
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At 31 March 2024	348,659	30,074	378,733
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Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	298,897	30,074	328,971
Depreciation charged in the year	9,993	-	9,993
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At 31 March 2024	308,890	30,074	338,964
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Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	39,769	-	39,769
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At 31 March 2023	39,972	-	39,972
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Fixed assets are funded by DE (via SPPG)

5 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	1,569	1,569
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G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	6,791	9,599

7 Capital grants

	£
Balance at 1 April 2023	39,972
Grants received during the year	9,790
Amortisation in the year	(9,993)
Balance at 31 March 2024	39,769

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	39,769	-	39,769
Debtors	1,569	-	1,569
Cash at bank and in hand	5,222	285	5,507
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(6,791)	-	(6,791)
Capital grants	(39,769)	-	(39,769)
	-	285	285

9 Movements in funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Fund transfer £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	560	-	-	(275)	285
Restricted funds	13,979	1,162,871	(1,177,125)	275	-
	14,539	1,162,871	(1,177,125)	-	285

**G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
DE (via SPPG) funding	1,172,661	-	1,172,661	1,186,663
Allocated to capital grant	(9,790)	-	(9,790)	(14,796)
	<u>1,162,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,162,871</u>	<u>1,171,868</u>
<i>Other incoming resources</i>				
Total incoming resources	<u>1,162,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,162,871</u>	<u>1,171,868</u>
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	(1,168,801)	-	(1,168,801)	(1,150,224)
Governance costs	(8,325)	-	(8,325)	(8,085)
Total resources expended	<u>(1,177,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,177,125)</u>	<u>(1,158,309)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>13,559</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,254)</u>	<u>13,559</u>

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

SCHEDULE OF RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities				
Direct Costs				
Barnardo's Project Workers	-	-	-	29,262
NHSCT Wages	77,584	-	77,584	99,135
NICMA childminding coordinator	11,553	-	11,553	11,553
Outreach Community Support	60,753	-	60,753	25,410
NICMA training courses	300	-	300	150
NICMA respite fees	24,112	-	24,112	23,085
Childcare Workers	90,357	-	90,357	91,828
Two year olds programme salaries	312,227	-	312,227	280,585
Casual Creche Workers/Volunteer Expenses	19,317	-	19,317	18,268
Parental Self Development Courses	40,837	-	40,837	32,171
Early Years Coordinator	68,263	-	68,263	67,529
Support costs				
Wages and salaries	171,774	-	171,774	163,938
Training	9,249	-	9,249	7,021
Premises insurance	14,076	-	14,076	14,589
Power, light and heat	15,900	-	15,900	12,814
Property repairs and maintenance	37,785	-	37,785	59,631
Lead Body fees	44,802	-	44,802	44,802
NICMA Management fees	1,340	-	1,340	1,340
Women's Aid Management fees	22,900	-	22,900	22,900
Membership and subscription fees	3,177	-	3,177	2,008
Printing and stationery	13,096	-	13,096	10,652
Advertising	1,784	-	1,784	3,629
Telecommunications	13,664	-	13,664	14,241
Hire of premises/rent re: storage	80,996	-	80,996	81,338
Travelling expenses	8,885	-	8,885	9,924
Bank charges	414	-	414	433
Sundry expenses	352	-	352	296
Barnardos IT Support/NCP Database	21,767	-	21,767	20,511
Team Building	1,328	-	1,328	1,027
Partnership expenses	209	-	209	154
Amortisation of capital grant	(9,993)	-	(9,993)	(8,392)
Depreciation	9,993	-	9,993	8,392
	<u>1,168,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,168,801</u>	<u>1,150,224</u>

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

SCHEDULE OF RESOURCES EXPENDED (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Governance costs

Audit fees	2,280	-	2,280	2,124
Staff costs	6,045	-	6,045	5,962
	<u>8,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,325</u>	<u>8,085</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,177,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,177,125</u>	<u>1,158,309</u>

G-old Community Partnership

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100101

Annual report



Chairperson's Report

A.G.M.

12th December 2024

Annual Report April 2023 – March 2024

G-old Community Partnership Surestart is now in its 23rd year of operation as a multi-agency organisation, delivering services to children and families in the Oldtown, Gortallowry, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy, Maghera and Town Parks East 2 wards of Mid-Ulster District Council.

The aims of Sure Start are to:

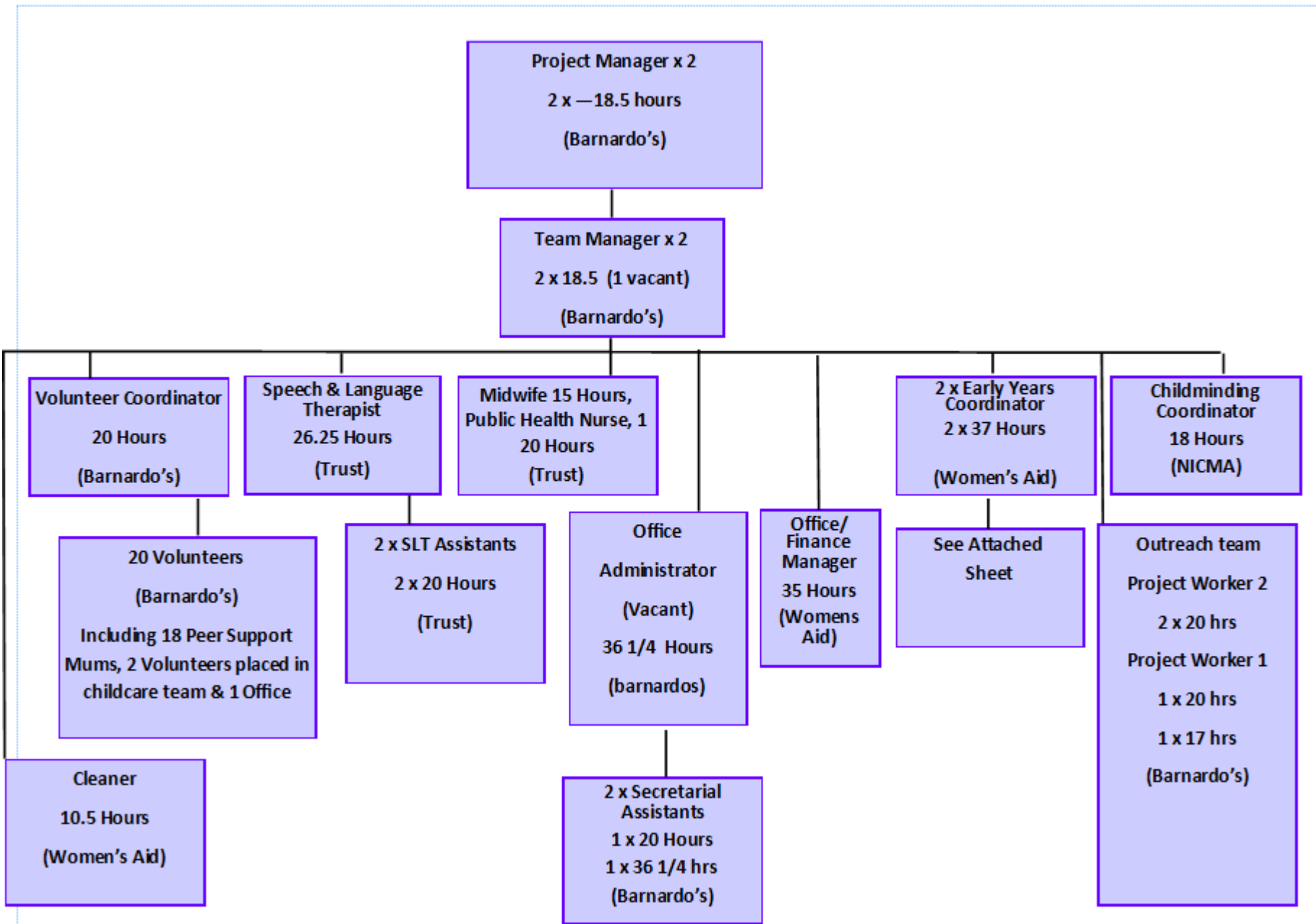
- Improve the ability to learn by encouraging stimulating play, improving language skills and the early identification and support of children with learning difficulties.
- Improve health by supporting parents in caring for children and promoting children's health and development.
- Improve social development by supporting the development of early relationships between parents and children, good parenting skills, family functioning and early identification and support of children with emotional, learning or behavioural difficulties.

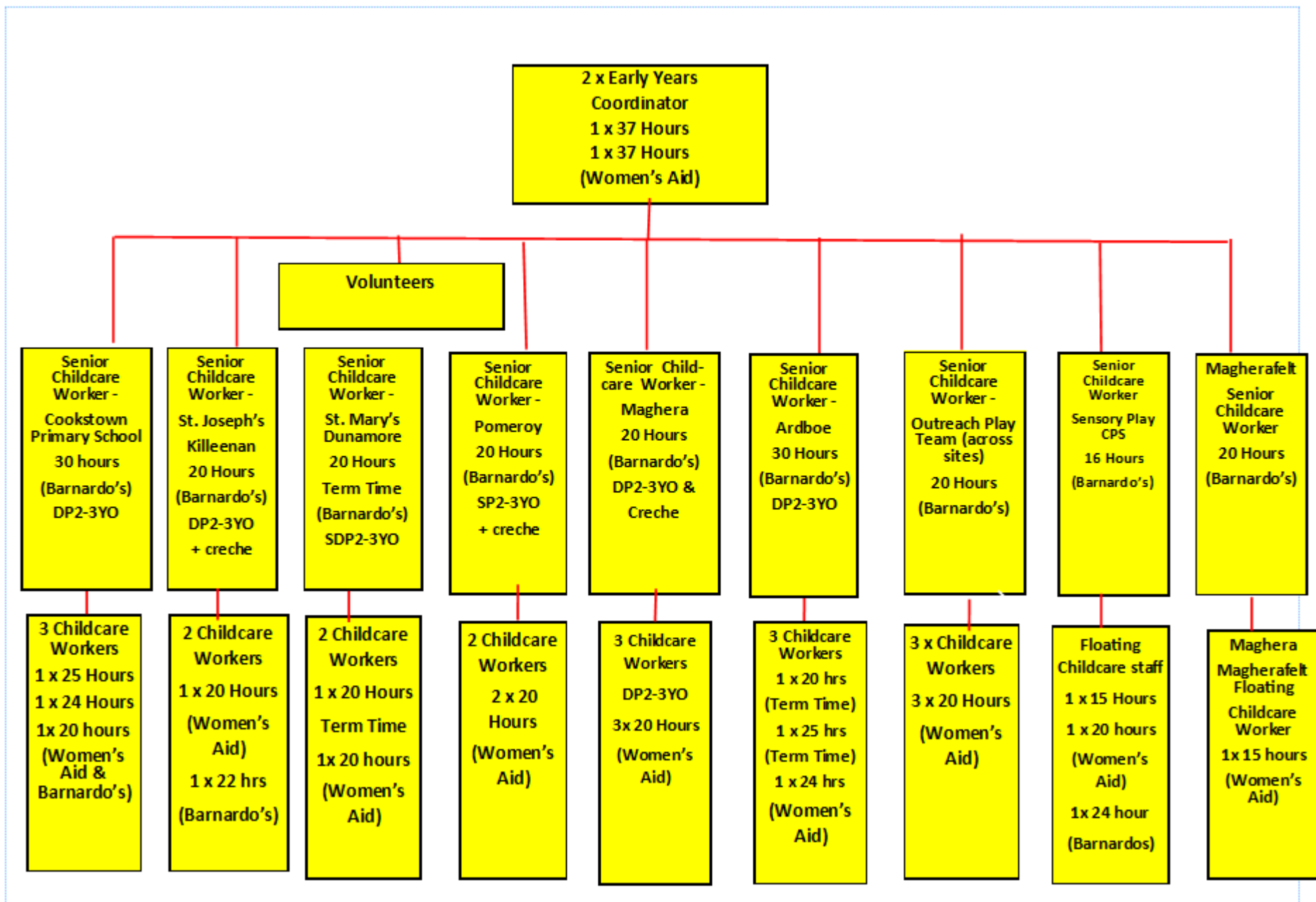
The Current Partners:

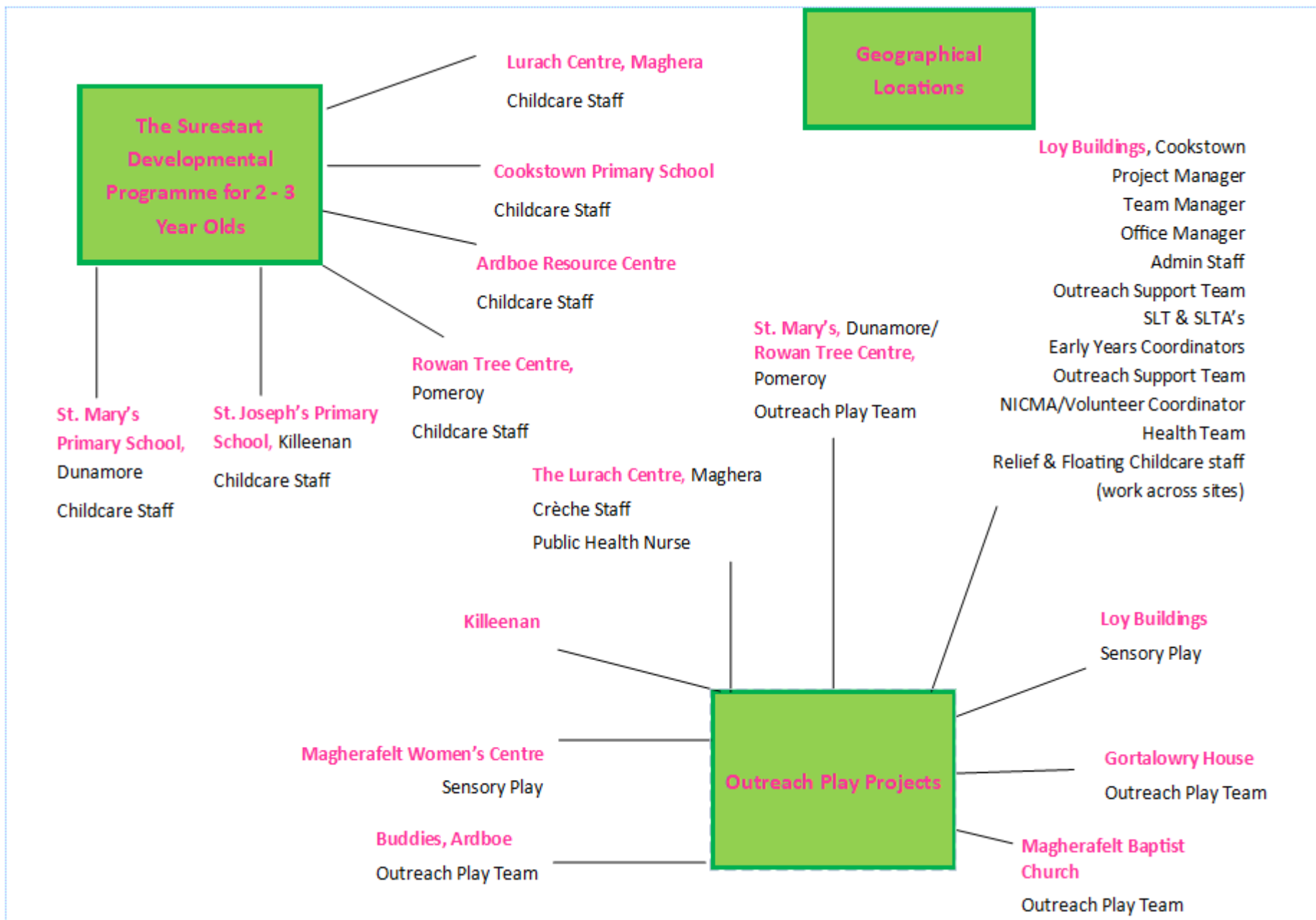
- Barnardo's
- Causeway and Mid-Ulster Women's Aid
- Cookstown Primary School
- Holy Trinity Primary School

- Mid Ulster Child Contact Centre
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust – Public Health Nursing
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust – Speech & Language Therapy
- NICMA

Barnardo's continues as Lead Body and Causeway and Mid-Ulster Women's Aid as Accountable Body for the Project. Management Committee meetings are held monthly except in July and August.







Current Service Provision

The Surestart Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds.

- Cookstown Primary School - 2 programmes
- Ardboe Resource Centre - 2 programmes
- St Mary's Primary School, Dunamore - 1 programme
- St Joseph's Primary School, Killeenan - 1 programme
- Rowan Tree Centre, Pomeroy - 1 programme
- Lurach Centre Maghera - 1 programme

96 places offered to children in the Developmental Programmes.

Activity Levels for the Year

The following is an outline of the activities provided by staff throughout the year: -

REGISTRATIONS

Activity		Children	Adults
Initial registration visits			54
Registration tel calls			78
Registrations at centre			46

ANTENATAL

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Antenatal Registrations			128
Antenatal Home visits	53 visits		33
Antenatal 1-1 support	33		30
Antenatal tel calls	17		17
Bumps to Babies	4		48
Antenatal Yoga	3		29
Hypnobirthing	5		35
Hypnobirthing 1-1	12 sessions		8
Welcome to the World	3		20

BREAST FEEDING

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Infant Feeding	4		27
Breast Feeding Group			63
Breastfeeding 1-1 support	20		14
Peer Support referrals	562		
Peer Support calls	718		

POSTNATAL

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Postnatal Home visits	96 visits		44
Postnatal Tel support	25 calls		23
Postnatal Reunion	1	13	13

FAMILY SUPPORT

Activity		Children	Adults
Family Support visits	115		33
Family Support 1-1	94		27
Family Support tel calls	66		31
Weaning sessions	4		17

RESPIRE CHILDMINDING

Activity		Children	Adults
Respite session	834	25	
Respite tel calls			30
Respite support visits	70		27

BABY PROGRAMMES

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Baby Massage	14	108	109
Baby Movers	8	65	65
Let's Play the Baby Way	5	44	39
Baby Club	5	42	42
Blossoming Babies	5	25	25
Little Goldfish	6	65	57

PARENT PROGRAMMES

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Nurturing	2		14
Fresh Little Minds	2		10
COOK IT	2		12
Understanding Little Minds	1		6
Daddy and Me	10	43	32
Paediatric First Aid	2		30

PLAY PROGRAMMES

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Cookstown Lets Play		102	83
Dunamore Lets Play		27	24
Maghera Lets Play		37	30

Pomeroy Lets Play		46	34
Messy Play	1	10	10
Sensory Play	2	14	11
Art in Forest Play Prog	1	11	7
Beach Day Play Prog	4	39	29
Curious Tots Play Prog	1	21	17
Little Bakers Play Prog	1	10	8
Paint Explorers Play Prog	1	8	7
Wiggles & Giggles Play Prog	5	65	57

FAMILY FUN DAYS

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Big Toddle Cookstown	2	43	31
Christmas Parties	2	137	110
Halloween Parties	2	111	90

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

Activity	Programmes	Children	Adults
Chatterbox Party	1	44	33
Bookstart Groups	10	55	42
Rhyme Time	2	17	15
PEEP	2	13	10
SLC advice tel calls	24		15
Babbling Babies	1	7	7
Walk & Talk	4	34	23
Craft & Chat	3	15	15
Talking Toddlers	2	13	11
Chat with Me	13	112	109

TOWN PARKS EAST Programmes

Activity		Children	Adults
Antenatal Home visits	12		8
Antenatal tel support			2
Initial Home visits			9
Postnatal Home visit	8		7
Family Support Home visit	12		6
Family Support tel calls	18		6
Baby Club	3	21	21

Resources provided

Resource	Quantity	Families
Baby Basics	100	81
Books	250	161
Bookstart	19	17
Dental Packs	83	79
Food Hampers	101	56
SLT	70	66
Toys	21	27
Play activities	24	24
Transition	76	76

Other Activities at Gold

- Financial and practical support was provided to families in the form of food and fuel vouchers from Barnardos Crisis Fund, SVP, Antioch Ministry along with toys for Christmas from Cash for Kids, and local businesses. Parents in need expecting the arrival of a new baby received Baby Basics packs through St Swithins Church Magherafelt.
- Staff represented the needs of families by attending multi agency meetings such as Family Support Hub, CYPSP Locality Group, Disability Forum etc.

Staff Training

Staff have undertaken the following mandatory and personal development training during the past year:

- Safeguarding and Impact of ACES – Staff and Volunteers
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Designated Officer training
- Data Protection Refresher
- Paediatric First Aid
- Food Safety
- Developmental Programme for 2–3-Year-Olds and Cluster sessions
- Solihull Supervision training
- Wellcomm training
- Bilingual communication
- Occupational Therapy Awareness
- UNICEF Baby Friendly Level 1,2 & 3 Updates
- Sharing Sensitive News
- Use of Publisher / IT
- Mandatory updates and E-learning for Health professionals

Summary

While the past year has been challenging due to staffing issues there has been an increase in the number of registrations with 1377 children and 1684 parents registered. Service uptake of 59% is a 5% reduction on the previous year due primarily to staff vacancy, long term sickness and

recruitment difficulty which has also been reflected across the childcare sector. The unavailability of creche and reduction in play sessions has for a second year been a contributory factor in lower uptake by children and families.

During the past year 3 staff were on long term sick leave leading to dismissal of 2 staff on health grounds. 4 staff resigned and 2 staff returned from long term sick leave and fostering leave. At year end 42 posts filled and 5 vacant posts. Vacant posts include Administrator, Outreach Support Project Workers, Childcare Worker and Part Time Team Manager. It has been another very stressful year for the staff team and sincere appreciation is extended to all who worked with commitment and passion to support families.

The management committee agreed the Project Manager role be a shared role by Mary Tennyson and Claire Murphy on a permanent basis, both working 18.5 hours per week. Claire also holds the part time Team Manager position.

Thanks is extended to Avril Bowden who worked increased hours to support the finance and admin needs of the service due to administrator vacancy. Additional support was also provided by Martina Watson to help update Surestart Go database and Louise Foster to assist with year-end finance report preparation.

The Surestart Developmental Programmes for 2–3-Year-Olds were delivered to 98 children across 6 sites, i.e. 2 programmes in both Ardboe Resource Centre and Cookstown Primary School, 1 programme in St Joseph's, Killeenan, St Mary's, Dunamore, Rowantree Centre, Pomeroy and The Lurach Centre, Maghera. As with every year some programmes were oversubscribed with a waiting list in place. Staff worked flexibly across all sites to ensure programmes kept open. Health and Safety issues forced the programmes in Cookstown to relocate to a classroom within Cookstown Primary School as the mobiles were deemed unsafe for use by Barnardos Property Advisor. Sincere appreciation is extended to the childcare staff who worked flexibly, this often meant being moved to a different site at short notice and getting to know the needs of a new group of children.

Repairs were also carried out to the heating system in St Marys, Dunamore and new front door installed. Patio doors were installed in the Rowentree Centre Pomeroy to enable the children directly access the outside play area from the room used by the Developmental programme. Thanks is extended to Aodhan Gervin and Colin Fraser from Barnardos Property Services for their help and support.

Progress has been made with introduction of evaluative processes including Microsoft Forms and use of QR codes to capture impact of service provision and outcomes achieved.

Gold Community Partnership along with the other SureStart projects in the Northern Trust continues to promote breast feeding support for mothers and maintains UNICEF Baby Friendly Stage 3 status. Two breast feeding groups run weekly in Cookstown and Magherafelt and are generally well attended.

As parents continue to experience financial pressures due to cost of living crisis Golsd Surestart continues to seek support such as food hampers, vouchers, fuel stamps etc from charitable organisations including Baby Basics, Antioch SVP and Liberty Church. At Christmas local business have also donated toys and food parcels.

Inspection of all registered sites by the NHSCT Early Years Social Services Registration and Inspection were carried out in January and February, positive feedback was received and some recommendations on policy update.

Leases for premises at St Mary's Primary School, Dunamore and Cookstown Primary School remain outstanding.

Thanks, is also extended to Tracy Morrison who ensures offices in Loy St are kept clean and well maintained.

The management committee of Gold Community Partnership has had some change in membership with the resignation of Judith Searle when Rioghnach Murphy returned from maternity leave in May. Patricia Lewsley Mooney joined as a Director in March. Appreciation is extended for the commitment given by members of the Management Committee who have provided oversight and scrutiny of the activities and finances of the project during the past year.

Gold Community Partnership remains registered and compliant with the requirements of the Charity Commission for NI.

Absence of budget confirmation for 23/24 and concern for potential reduction in funding did impact on timely recruitment and planning activities for the year ahead is very difficult.

In July 2023 Causeway and Mid Ulster Womens Aid provided the Childcare Partnership with notice of their intention to withdraw from the role of Accountable Body for Gold Community Partnership. This has led to significant discussion and negotiation with Department of Education and Childcare Partnership to identify the process for Appointment of Accountable Body and impact of this change. These discussions are ongoing and in the interim Causeway and Mid Ulster Womens Aid continue as Accountable Body.

Future Plans

- Approval from DE/ Childcare Partnership on the process for replacing Causeway and Mid Ulster Womens Aid as Accountable Body.
- Increased programme delivery to children and their families to increase uptake of service.
- Increased service delivery in Town Parks East 2, Magherafelt.
- Development of Sensory space provision in Cookstown and Magherafelt for children with emerging needs.
- Recruitment of staff for vacant posts in Admin, Outreach Support, Childcare, Team Manager and SLC.
- Identification of suitable accommodation for Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds in Cookstown

Finally, thanks to the families registered with Gold Community Partnership for their engagement with the service by attending programmes and allowing staff into their homes to support them on their parenting journey.

Thanks also to the staff team and volunteers for their hard work, creativity and determination to move activities back to face-to-face delivery in order to best support families.

The continued provision of funding by Department of Education in difficult economic times has enabled Gold Community Partnership to offer support to families across all eight ward areas.

***Riognach Murphy
Chairperson,
G-Old Community Partnership
December 2024***

G-old Community Partnership

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100101

Annual return

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Background

SureStart projects are targeted at the 0-4 age group in areas of deprivation, measured in terms of the current impact on children's life chances and the shortfall in fulfilling children's potential. SureStart projects work with parents and children to promote the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of children - particularly those who are disadvantaged - to make sure they are ready to make the most of opportunities when they get to school.

The G-old Community Partnership Sure Start Initiative has been in operation since February 2001.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The appointment of trustees is in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, whereby the trustees of the charity shall comprise of no more than one person from each of the organisations/agencies/bodies represented.

The trustees can also appoint representatives from other organisations as trustees if the organisation supports the objects of the charity and have an interest in the area of benefit, providing that a resolution for such an appointment is approved by not less than 75 per cent of the trustee's holding office at that time.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Oldtown, Gortallowry, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy, Maghera and Town Parks East 2 and in particular but not exclusively antenatal parents, children under four years of age and their families, without distinction of sex, age, race, or political, religious or other opinions by associating together with the said inhabitants, local authorities, public agencies and voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to relieve poverty, preserve and protect health, advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

It aims to achieve these objects by:

- improving health by supporting parents in caring for children and promoting children's health and development.
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- improving social development by supporting the development of early relationships between parents and children, good parenting skills, family functioning, and early identification and support of children with emotional, learning, and behavioral difficulties.

Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Frances McKenna
Martina Watson
Sharon Burnett
Riognach Murphy
Patricia Lewsley-Mooney CBE (appointed
08/03/24)

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Achieve and performance

G-old Community Partnership – Surestart charitable activities have experienced some changes due to the impact of the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic. However, activities continue to benefit the inhabitants of Gortallowry, Oldtown, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy and Maghera wards. In August 2021 additional funding was provided to roll out services in an additional ward -Town Parks East, Magherafelt, this continues as expansion funding.

During 2023-2024 G-old Community Partnership had a slight decrease in number of children registered (1377) and increase in parents registered (1684). Service uptake by families was 59%, an overall decrease of 5% on the previous year. Staff vacancies and recruitment difficulties did significantly impact on service delivery in particular the lack of available Outreach Play staff who were required to cover sick leave and maintain ratios in the Developmental Programmes for 2-3 Year Olds, hence reduced crèche-based activities for families.

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Progress has been made with the introduction of evaluative processes including Microsoft Forms and QR codes to evaluate program impact and outcomes.

Annual Inspections of all registered sites were carried out by NHSCT Early Years Social Work team in January and February 2024 with acknowledgment of the high standard of service delivery. Some policy updates were suggested.

As parents continue to experience financial pressures due to cost of living crisis Gold continues to seek to identify support such as food hampers, food vouchers, fuel stamps etc from other charitable organisations including Baby Basics, Antioch and Liberty Churches, SVP.

During the past year 3 staff were on long term sick leave leading to dismissal of 2 on health grounds. 4 staff resigned and 2 staff returned from long term sick leave and fostering leave. At year end there were 42 posts filled and 5 vacant posts. It has been another very stressful year for the staff team and sincere appreciation is extended to all who worked with commitment and passion to support families.

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Gold Community Partnership Management committee continues to support staff and provide effective oversight of the programme delivery and accountability for use of funds.

Despite the challenges outlined Gold Community Partnership has offered substantial support to families throughout the past year and signposted to other agencies for additional support.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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- Identification of suitable accommodation for Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds in Cookstown.

Financial Review

The bulk of the charitable company's income is funded by the Department of Education via the Health and Social Care Board, and this is matched by expenditure in the year to achieve a break-even result. This is in line with the conditions of the funding provided by the Department of Education (via SPPG) and does not allow the company to accumulate reserves.

Auditor

The auditor, David Lyttle + Co Ltd, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

**G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
TRUSTEES REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

By order of the board

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Mary Tennyson
Secretary
Date:

G-old Community Partnership

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100101

Accounts

Company Registration No. NI 41112 (Northern Ireland)
Registered Charity No. NIC 100101

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	Frances McKenna Martina Watson Sharon Burnett Riognach Murphy
Secretary	Mary Tennyson
Company number	NI 41112
Registered office	Third Floor Loy Buildings 18-24 Loy Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PE
Auditor	David Lyttle + Co Ltd Station House 46 Molesworth Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PA
Business address	Third Floor Loy Buildings 18-24 Loy Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PE
Bankers	Ulster Bank 20 William Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8ND
Solicitors	Toal & Heron Solicitors 10 Loy Street Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 8PE

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
DE (via SPPG) funding	1,186,662	-	1,186,662	1,060,685
Transferred to capital grant	(14,796)	-	(14,796)	
<i>Other incoming resources</i>	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	<u>1,171,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,171,866</u>	<u>1,060,685</u>
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	(1,150,223)	-	(1,150,223)	(1,045,118)
Governance costs	(8,086)	-	(8,086)	(7,564)
Total resources expended	<u>(1,158,309)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,158,309)</u>	<u>(1,052,682)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>13,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,557</u>	<u>8,003</u>
2022 underspend returned to DE	(8,000)	-	(8,000)	-
Net movement in funds	<u>5,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,557</u>	<u>8,003</u>
Total funds brought forward at 1 April	8,422	560	8,982	979
Total funds carried forward at 31 March	<u>13,979</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>14,539</u>	<u>8,982</u>

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the statement of financial activities.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

BALANCE SHEET

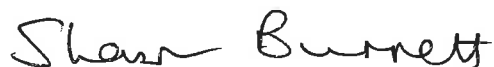
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		39,972		33,569
Current assets					
Debtors	5	1,569		1,569	
Cash at bank and in hand		22,569		13,728	
		24,138		15,297	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(9,599)		(6,316)	
Net current assets			14,539		8,981
Total assets less current liabilities			54,511		42,550
Capital grants			(39,972)		(33,568)
Net assets			14,539		8,982
Funds					
General reserves	8		14,539		8,982
Total charity funds			14,539		8,982

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 14 September 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:



Sharon Burnett
Director

Company Registration No. NI 41112

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Company information

G-old Community Partnership is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Third Floor, Loy Buildings, 18-24 Loy Street, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 8PE.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006, except for the treatment of capital grants.

G-OLD Community Partnership meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost and transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accountancy policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the provider of the funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis as stipulated by the main funder. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis to reflect the use of the resource.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office furniture and fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line
Toy library	50% straight line

1.4 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.5 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

1.6 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.7 Government grants

Capital grants are credited to deferred revenue. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3 Employees

The average monthly number of persons carrying out duties for the company during the year was 47 (2022 - 51). All of these individuals are employed by other organisations.

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc	Toy library	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	324,073	30,074	354,147
Additions	14,796	-	14,796
At 31 March 2023	<u>338,869</u>	<u>30,074</u>	<u>368,943</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	290,505	30,074	320,579
Depreciation charged in the year	8,392	-	8,392
At 31 March 2023	<u>298,897</u>	<u>30,074</u>	<u>328,971</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	<u>39,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,972</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>33,569</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,569</u>

Fixed assets are funded by DE (via SPPG)

5 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	<u>1,569</u>	<u>1,569</u>

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	9,599	6,316

7 Capital grants

	£
Balance at 1 April 2022	33,568
Grants received during the year	14,796
Amortisation in the year	(8,392)
Balance at 31 March 2023	39,972

8 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Fixed assets	39,972	-	39,972
Debtors	1,569	-	1,569
Cash at bank and in hand	22,009	560	22,569
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,599)	-	(9,599)
Capital grants	(39,972)	-	(39,972)
	<u>13,979</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>14,539</u>

9 Movements in funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Underspend returned £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	560	-	-		560
Restricted funds	8,422	1,171,866	(1,158,309)	(8,000)	13,979
	<u>8,982</u>	<u>1,171,866</u>	<u>(1,158,309)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>14,539</u>

**G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
DE (via SPPG) funding	1,186,662	-	1,186,662	1,060,684
Allocated to capital grant	(14,796)	-	(14,796)	-
	<u>1,171,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,171,866</u>	<u>1,060,685</u>
<i>Other incoming resources</i>				
Total incoming resources	<u>1,171,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,171,866</u>	<u>1,060,685</u>
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	(1,150,223)	-	(1,150,223)	(1,045,118)
Governance costs	(8,086)	-	(8,086)	(7,564)
Total resources expended	<u>(1,158,309)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,158,309)</u>	<u>(1,052,682)</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>13,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,557</u>	<u>8,003</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>13,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,557</u>	<u>8,003</u>

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

SCHEDULE OF RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable activities				
Direct Costs				
Barnardo's Project Workers	29,262	-	29,262	25,012
NHSCT Wages	99,135	-	99,135	94,336
NICMA childminding coordinator	11,553	-	11,553	11,326
Outreach Community Support	25,410	-	25,410	28,148
NICMA training courses	150	-	150	341
NICMA respite fees	23,085	-	23,085	11,949
Childcare Workers	91,828	-	91,828	92,565
Two year olds programme salaries	280,585	-	280,585	263,776
Casual Creche Workers/Volunteer Expenses	18,268	-	18,268	17,439
Parental Self Development Courses	32,171	-	32,171	24,424
Early Years Coordinator	67,529	-	67,529	48,819
Support costs				
Wages and salaries	163,938	-	163,938	175,666
Training	7,021	-	7,021	4,346
Premises insurance	14,589	-	14,589	12,949
Power, light and heat	12,814	-	12,814	10,002
Property repairs and maintenance	59,631	-	59,631	30,789
Lead Body fees	44,802	-	44,802	44,802
NICMA Management fees	1,340	-	1,340	1,340
Women's Aid Management fees	22,900	-	22,900	22,900
Membership and subscription fees	2,008	-	2,008	1,338
Printing and stationery	10,652	-	10,652	12,795
Advertising	3,629	-	3,629	1,933
Telecommunications	14,241	-	14,241	13,179
Hire of premises/rent re: storage	81,338	-	81,338	66,768
Travelling expenses	9,924	-	9,924	10,511
Bank charges	433	-	433	456
Sundry expenses	296	-	296	404
Barnardos IT Support/NCP Database	20,511	-	20,511	15,706
Team Building	1,027	-	1,027	1,000
Partnership expenses	154	-	154	99
Amortisation of capital grant	(8,392)	-	(8,392)	(11,189)
Depreciation	8,392	-	8,392	11,189
	<u>1,150,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150,223</u>	<u>1,045,118</u>

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

SCHEDULE OF RESOURCES EXPENDED (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Governance costs				
Audit fees	2,124	-	2,124	2,022
Staff costs	5,962	-	5,962	5,542
	<u>8,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,086</u>	<u>7,564</u>
Total resources expended	<u>1,158,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,158,309</u>	<u>1,052,682</u>

G-old Community Partnership

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100101

Annual report

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Background

Sure Start projects are targeted at the 0-4 age group in areas of deprivation, measured in terms of the current impact on children's life chances and the shortfall in fulfilling children's potential. Sure Start projects work with parents and children to promote the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of children - particularly those who are disadvantaged - to make sure they are ready to make the most of opportunities when they get to school.

The G-old Community Partnership Sure Start Initiative has been in operation since February 2001.

Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The appointment of trustees is in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, whereby the trustees of the charity shall comprise of no more than one person from each of the organisations/agencies/bodies represented.

The trustees can also appoint representatives from other organisations as trustees if the organisation supports the objects of the charity and have an interest in the area of benefit, providing that a resolution for such an appointment is approved by not less than 75 per cent of the trustees holding office at that time.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Oldtown, Gortallowry, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy, Maghera and Town Parks East and in particular but not exclusively children under four years of age and their families, without distinction of sex, age, race, or political, religious or other opinions by associating together with the said inhabitants, local authorities, public agencies and voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to relieve poverty, preserve and protect health, advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

It aims to achieve these objects by:

- improving health by supporting parents in caring for children and promoting children's health and development;
- improving the ability to learn by encouraging stimulatory play, improving language skills, and the early identification and support of children with learning difficulties; and
- improving social development by supporting the development of early relationships between parents and children, good parenting skills, family functioning, and early identification and support of children with emotional, learning and behavioural difficulties.

Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Frances McKenna
Martina Watson
Sharon Burnett
Riognach Murphy
Judith Searle

(Appointed 6 April 2022 and resigned 23 May 2023)

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achieve and performance

G-old Community Partnership – Surestart charitable activities have experienced some changes due to the impact of the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic. However, activities continue to benefit of the inhabitants of Gortallowry, Oldtown, Killymoon, Ardboe, Dunamore, Pomeroy and Maghera wards. In August 2021 additional funding was provided to roll out services in an additional ward -Town Parks East, Magherafelt.

During 2022-2023 G-old Community Partnership had an increase in registrations with 1404 children and 1396 parents registered. Service uptake by families was 64%, an overall decrease of 3% on the previous year however uptake by antenatal parents was 82%. Staff vacancies and recruitment difficulties did significantly impact on service delivery in particular the availability of SLT and crèche-based activities for families.

The Surestart Developmental Programmes for 2–3-Year-Olds were delivered to 97 children across 6 sites, i.e., 2 programmes in both Ardboe Resource Centre and Cookstown Primary School, 1 programme in St Joseph's, Killeenan, St Mary's, Dunamore, Rowantree Centre, Pomeroy and The Lurach Centre, Maghera. As with every year some programmes were oversubscribed with a waiting list in place. Staff worked flexibly across all sites to ensure programmes kept open, but it was necessary in Nov/Dec to close each programme for a week to cope with staff shortage. These sessions were subsequently made up later in the year.

Gold Community Partnership along with the other SureStart projects in the Northern Trust area successfully achieved UNICEF Baby Friendly Stage 3 Gold Award for promotion of Breast Feeding.

The implementation of the new Surestart Go database has had significant teething problems and it has been extremely time consuming for admin staff to upload data however the developer is working to resolve these issues for projects. Staff shortage in admin and finance due to staff vacancy and sick leave added to workload pressures.

Inspections of all registered sites were carried out by NHSCT Early Years Social Work team in January and February 2023 with a very positive outcome.

Practical support for parents through Barnardos Crisis Fund with delivery of food hampers, food vouchers, fuel stamps etc. Support was also available from other charitable organisations including Baby Basics, Antioch and Liberty Churches, SVP and HALO.

The past year did see 5 new staff join the service ,5 existing staff take up new posts, SLT return from a career break and there were 3 resignations. In addition, 3 staff were on long term sick leave and there are 4 vacant posts which need to be recruited. It has been another very stressful year for the staff team and sincere appreciation is extended to all who worked with commitment and passion to support families.

Recruitment delays and vacant posts together with long term sick leave and resignations created significant underspend in salaries. However, approval was given by DE to use underspend for significant repairs to the deteriorating external façade at St Marys, Dunamore.

Absence of confirmation of budget for 23/24 means planning activities for the year ahead is very difficult.

Gold Community Partnership Management committee continues to support staff and provide effective oversight of the programme delivery and accountability for use of funds. Changes in membership due to resignations and maternity leave has not impacted on the function of the committee.

Despite the challenges outlined Gold Community Partnership has offered substantial support to families throughout the past year and signposted to other agencies for additional support.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Future Plans

- Increased programme delivery to children and their families to increase uptake of service.
- Increase service delivery in Town Parks East 2, Magherafelt.
- Pilot Approved Home Carer Support for families.
- Develop more effective online evaluations tools to measure impact of service delivery.
- Recruit staff for vacant posts in Admin, Outreach Support, Childcare and Team Manager post.
- Training for staff in use of Surestart GO Database and social media.
- Secure appropriate accommodation for Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds in Cookstown.

Financial Review

The bulk of the charitable company's income is funded by the Department of Education via the Health and Social Care Board, and this is matched by expenditure in the year to achieve a break-even result. This is in line with the conditions of the funding provided by the Department of Education (via SPPG) and does not allow the company to accumulate reserves

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Statement of disclosure to auditor

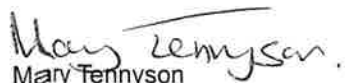
So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

By order of the board



Mary Tennyson

Secretary

14 September 2023

G-old Community Partnership

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100101

Annual return

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of G-old Community Partnership (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF G-OLD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

David Lyttle (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of David Lyttle + Co Ltd

14 September 2023

Chartered Accountants
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