

# Dunloy Stronger Together

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100130

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2014-05-14

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Association is established for the Advancement of Citizenship or Community Development and for the public benefit of the inhabitants of the Dunloy Area and its environs. (Hereinafter referred to as 'The area of benefit') This will be achieved through the delivery of positive community events, provision of volunteering opportunities and through regular contact meetings with relevant statutory and voluntary bodies to improve the conditions of life for local people.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Sport/recreation

**Who the charity helps:** General public,Older people,Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£44,660	£54,101	£0	1

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Bernie Mclean		
Mr Bobby Carlin		
Mrs Jane Mcferran		
Mrs Joanne Mcmicheal		
Mrs Maire Buckley		

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# Accounts

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DUNLOY STRONGER TOGETHER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH
	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Grants	25,409.96	25,645.20
Luncheon Fees	2,567.90	1,910.00
Fundraising	7,243.88	6,932.43
Donations	9,438.23	7,178.70
	<u>44,659.97</u>	<u>41,666.33</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Wages / Subcontractors	15,044.35	15,699.74
Telephone	1,088.31	1,261.38
Activities	12,524.70	9,010.90
Rent	5,945.00	3,867.50
Insurance	722.87	700.47
Bank Fees	-	36.85
General Expenses	2,073.13	1,453.77
Equipment	3,516.52	
Catering	6,952.00	3,678.45
Trips	-	-
Donation	2,200.00	1,180.00
Santa /Christmas Expenses	1,136.30	730.57
Womans Wellness Day	2,898.29	88.20
Mothers and Toddlers/ Baby Massage/Baby first Christmast	-	1,122.23
	<u>54,101.47</u>	<u>38,830.06</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	- 9,441.50	2,836.27
Balance at Bank 31 March 2024	22,468.33	19,632.06
<b>Balance at Bank 31 March 2025</b>	<u><u>13,026.83</u></u>	<u><u>22,468.33</u></u>

*Tara McFerran*  
Treasurer

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	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Grants	25,645.20	10,586.22
Luncheon Fees	1,910.00	2,557.89
Fundraising	6,932.43	6,070.68
Donations	7,178.70	2,783.37
	<u>41,666.33</u>	<u>21,998.16</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Wages / Subcontractors	15,699.74	5,688.00
Telephone and Postage	1,261.38	1,104.14
Activities	9,010.90	3,300.00
Rent	3,867.50	4,674.00
Insurance	700.47	710.28
Bank Fees	36.85	99.76
General Expenses and Equipment	1,453.77	1,412.40
Catering	3,678.45	3,360.00
Trips	-	1,920.00
Donation	1,180.00	3,170.00
Santa /Christmas Expenses	730.57	388.56
Womans Wellness Day	88.20	1,170.38
Mothers and Toddlers/ baby massage/ babys first christmas	1,122.23	1,082.52
	<u>38,830.06</u>	<u>28,080.04</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	2,836.27	- 6,081.88
Balance at Bank 31 March 2023	19,632.06	25,713.94
<b>Balance at Bank 31 March 2024</b>	<u><u>22,468.33</u></u>	<u><u>19,632.06</u></u>
Bank Balance represented by		
Number 1 Account	-	4,993.21
Dunloy Stronger Together Bank Account	<u>22,468.33</u>	<u>14,638.85</u>
	<u><u>22,468.33</u></u>	<u><u>19,632.06</u></u>

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# Annual report

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## Trustees Annual Report

### Dunloy Stronger Together AGM 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

This has been an extremely busy and successful year for Dunloy Stronger Together which is evidenced by the sheer number of events held and organised in 2023 and 2024. However, these brilliant events are just the tip of the iceberg with a massive amount of work in the background to make it all possible. Every single one of these events/activities are in support of our mission statement which is “Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Community”.

The major developments this year are that Dunloy Stronger Together (thereafter referred to as DST) have formally taken over responsibility from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 for the running of the local playgroup which has been renamed as Dunloy Wraparound Club and Playgroup (thereafter referred to as DWC). A new committee has been elected for DWC with a big increase in enrolments and further extended opening hours from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. The DWC AGM is scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

None of this would be possible without the drive, hardwork and passion of DST’s first full time employee Lauren Elliott who took up post on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Lauren has been a key part of DST for a number of years but has now taken on the full-time roles of Events Manager for DST and Playgroup Manager and Playgroup leader for DWC and has been doing an incredible job over the last 6 months. Lauren has secured over £25,000 of funding for DST to support ongoing activities as well as completely refreshing all policies and procedures so that DWC is now fully registered with social services.

DST are also blessed with a fantastic committee of dedicated volunteers and helpers. Maire Buckley has taken on the role of Vice-chair of DWC this year as well as Vice-chair of DST and dedicates a lot of time and effort in these roles. Jane McFerran is treasurer of DST and brilliantly keeps on top of all things financial throughout the year including wages and the accounts. Joanne Mc Michael has stepped up as secretary of DST taking minutes of all meetings and keeping everything running smoothly. Similarly the help and support of our other committee members Aidan Clifford and Bernie McClean who are always there at meetings & events and are a great source of help, support and guidance throughout the year.

I would also like to mention Aine McCullough who stepped down this year after serving for a number of years as secretary for DST and really helped DST to get established during this period. As always this year we have had massive support from local businesses as well as a really fantastic relationship with St Josephs Primary School, Dunloy FC, Dunloy GAA and the whole parish of Dunloy. Your help and support has been critical and is very much appreciated by all in DST.

Finally, the success of DST and everything that we do is a reflection of the brilliant community of Dunloy that we are blessed to live in and to serve. As I said earlier, our mission statement is simple; “Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Community”. We are passionate to provide whatever

services we can to continue to support the people and the village of Dunloy and the surrounding areas. The support we receive throughout the year from the whole community helps to energise and motivate and encourage all involved to keep going from strength to strength and expand the services and activities that we offer.

Thank you all for being here tonight and for your support in my role as Chairperson.

I will now hand over to Anne for the election of officers for the new committee.

Bobby Carlin

Chairperson

Dunloy Stronger Together

10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustee's of Dunloy Stronger Together**  
I report on the accounts of the association for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are attached.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (NI)2008
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
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have not been met or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Sean Mc Ilhatton BA  
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9rd October 2023

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<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Grants	10,586.22	14,670.00
Class and Luncheon Fees	2,557.89	253.82
Fundraising	6,070.68	5,857.71
Donations	2,783.37	1,318.00
	<u>21,998.16</u>	<u>22,099.53</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Wages / Subcontractors	5,688.00	-
Telephone and Postage	1,104.14	849.58
Course fees	3,300.00	408.39
Rent	4,674.00	-
Insurance	710.28	509.00
General Expenses	1,412.40	540.73
Catering	3,360.00	2,156.00
Bank Fees	99.76	88.91
Trips	1,920.00	200.00
Donation	3,170.00	-
Santa /Christmas Expenses	388.56	997.56
School Wellbeing Project	-	883.18
Womans Wellness Day	1,170.38	-
Mothers and Toddlers	1,082.52	-
	<u>28,080.04</u>	<u>6,633.35</u>
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# Annual report

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## Chairpersons Report Dunloy Stronger Together AGM 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Good evening everyone. You are all very welcome to our AGM. We especially welcome Damian McGuckian who has very kindly offered to preside over the election of officers at our meeting tonight.

This has been an extremely busy and successful year for Dunloy Stronger Together which is evidenced by the 2023 calendar of events that is attached to this report. However, these brilliant events are just the tip of the iceberg with a massive amount of work in the background to make it all possible. Every single one of these events/activities are in support of our mission statement which is "Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Community".

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It would be wrong here not to acknowledge Sharon Gault who was instrumental earlier in 2023 in securing grant funding and running the health and well being project in January as well as the cross community youth project with Green Pastures. We wish Sharon every success in her new ventures as youth worker for the Education Authority. Similarly a huge thanks goes to Sarah Jane O'Donnell who has been part of our committee over the last few years but is now focussing any of her spare time to establishing a new charity "Causeway Neurodiversity" to provide support for neurodiverse individuals and their families in the Causeway Coast area. What a fantastic and much needed charity!

This year we have had massive support from local businesses. Without this support DST absolutely would not have been in a position to taken on responsibility for the playgroup or to take on our first full-time employee. I hope I don't leave anyone out and if I do then I sincerely apologise. Fibrus, Maine Surface Finishing, Premier Electrics, DB Contracts, Creagh Concrete, Sean & Rosemary Cochrane's Charity have all made significant financial contributions alongside other contributors who have asked to remain anonymous. Your help and support has been critical and is very much appreciated by all in the community.

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Thank you all for being here tonight and for your support in my role as Chairperson.

I will now hand over to Damian for the election of officers for the new committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Bobby Carlin

Chairperson

Dunloy Stronger Together

28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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