

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

Hillsborough Community Centre Ltd facilitates and proactively develops a diverse range of community activities and interests within Hillsborough Village Centre and makes them open and accessible to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Almost 100 diverse user groups are accommodated at present. The company also works in partnership with a range of service providers, local churches, schools and voluntary organisations for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The regular schedule of groups, societies and classes continued to recover from the impact of the pandemic but footfall and class numbers were significantly lower than pre-COVID years.

The Centre once again benefitted from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Councils support through an employment grant and also through help with essential maintenance, support and guidance. Further grant assistance was gratefully received to provide essential funds during the year.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Plans for future periods

In direct response to user feedback, some investment was made in equipment for the Centre as well as essential repairs and renewals.

Plans are still in place for an extension to our facilities but funding for such projects is difficult to find currently.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company was formed in 2002 as a company limited by guarantee. The board of directors represents a cross section of interested parties from the local area. Day to day management is the responsibility of the Centre Manager but key decisions such as those on employment, large capital spend, legal issues and matters of strategic importance are deferred to bi-monthly board meetings.

Feedback and control mechanisms exists in the form of an annual user forum and annual user satisfaction survey. These mechanisms are used to ensure that the company is meeting the needs of the whole community as far as possible and redirect operations where necessary.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M C MacDonald	(Resigned 8 September 2025)
C MacDonald	(Resigned 8 September 2025)
K Chauhan	
D W Dunlop	
M E Erwin	
J E McAlester	
J P Reaney	

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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D W Dunlop

Trustee

Date: 31/03/2026