

Aghalee Village Hall

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100157

Details

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Status Received

Registered 2014-09-17

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Lands subject of Folio 14877 Co Antrim together with Aghalee Village Hall now erected and standing thereon (hereinafter called the Property) shall be held by The Property Trustees upon trust: (i) for the benefit and use of the inhabitants of the village of Aghalee and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called 'the Area of Benefit' illustrated on map attached); (ii) without distinction of gender or furtherance of political, religious or other opinions and in particular for use for physical and mental recreation and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments as may be found expedient by the committee and for the purposes of holding courses and classes and social events.

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

How the charity works: Community development,Cultural,Education/training,Rural development,Sport/recreation,Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£98,755	£85,876	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Chris Buller		
Mr Derek Blakely		
Mr Fernando Gutierrez		
Mr Ian Christie		
Mr Matt Hull		
Mr Michael Beacham		
Mr Stephen Bann		
Mrs Alison Gawith		
Mrs Andrea Huff		
Mrs Anne Miskelly		
Mrs Fiona Maree		
Mrs Patricia Mcadams		
Mrs Pauline Buller		
Mrs Susan Mccavigan		
Ms Bobbie Hamill		
Ms Kerry Quinn		

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	3,010	76,656	79,666	2,980	24,887	27,867
Activities for generating funds	3.2	17,885	-	17,885	15,033	-	15,033
Investments	3.3	265	-	265	427	-	427
Other income	3.4	939	-	939	1,070	-	1,070
Total incoming resources		22,099	76,656	98,755	19,510	24,887	44,397
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	32,711	59,687	92,398	60,622	23,944	84,566
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(10,612)	16,969	6,357	(41,112)	943	(40,169)
Gross transfers between funds		14,077	(14,077)	-	2,630	(2,630)	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		3,465	2,892	6,357	(38,482)	(1,687)	(40,169)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	14	229,325	24,982	254,307	267,807	26,669	294,476
Total funds at the end of the year		232,790	27,874	260,664	229,325	24,982	254,307

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.


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BALANCE SHEET**

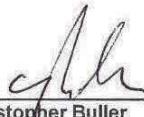
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	10	196,088	202,610
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	1,110	737
Cash at bank and in hand		65,429	53,715
		66,539	54,452
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,963)	(2,755)
Net Current Assets		64,576	51,697
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		260,664	254,307
Funds			
Restricted funds		27,874	24,982
Designated funds (Unrestricted)		196,088	202,610
General fund (unrestricted)		36,702	26,715
Total funds	14	260,664	254,307

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by


Anne Miskelly
Trustee


Christopher Buller
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Aghalee Village Hall is a charity incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is which is also the principal place of business of the company The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

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Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	2% Straight line
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Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

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Taxation and deferred taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

3. INCOME				2025	2024	
3.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£	£	
		£	£	£	£	
	Voluntary Income	<u>3,010</u>	<u>76,656</u>	<u>79,666</u>	<u>27,867</u>	
3.2	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024	
		£	£	£	£	
	Activities to Generate Funds	<u>17,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,885</u>	<u>15,033</u>	
3.3	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024	
		£	£	£	£	
	Investments	<u>265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>427</u>	
3.4	OTHER INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024	
		£	£	£	£	
	Solar Panel Income	<u>939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>939</u>	<u>1,070</u>	
4.	EXPENDITURE					
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,398</u>	<u>92,398</u>	<u>84,566</u>
5.	ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE			2025	2024	
				£	£	
	Legal & Professional			1,515	6,515	
	Sundry Costs			968	1,753	
	Direct Programme Costs			50,794	20,863	
	Heat & Light			3,307	2,939	
	Wages & Salaries			263	5,721	
	Membership & Subscriptions			1,139	657	
	Depreciation			6,522	6,902	
	Repairs & Maintenance			19,247	27,150	
	Bank Fees			276	249	
	Printing, Postage & Stationery			3,683	4,881	
	General Admin Costs			4,684	6,936	
				<u>92,398</u>	<u>84,566</u>	
6.	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

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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 at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

7. NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2025	2024	
	£	£	
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):			
Depreciation of tangible assets	6,522	6,902	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
8. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME	2025	2024	
	£	£	
Bank interest	265	427	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
9. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION			
The staff costs comprise:	2025	2024	
	£	£	
Wages and salaries	263	5,721	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 31 December 2025	250,000	65,335	315,335
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	55,000	57,725	112,725
Charge for the financial year	5,000	1,522	6,522
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2025	60,000	59,247	119,247
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	190,000	6,088	196,088
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2024	195,000	7,610	202,610
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
11. DEBTORS	2025	2024	
	£	£	
Prepayments and accrued income	1,110	737	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

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12. CREDITORS		2025	2024		
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£		
Accruals and deferred income		<u>1,963</u>	<u>2,755</u>		
13. RESERVES		2025	2024		
		£	£		
At the beginning of the year		<u>254,307</u>	294,476		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial year		<u>6,357</u>	(40,169)		
At the end of the year		<u>260,664</u>	<u>254,307</u>		
14. FUNDS					
14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£		
At 1 January 2024		267,807	26,669		
Movement during the financial year		(38,482)	(1,687)		
At 31 December 2024		<u>229,325</u>	<u>24,982</u>		
Movement during the financial year		3,465	2,892		
At 31 December 2025		<u>232,790</u>	<u>27,874</u>		
14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS					
	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance
	1 January			between	31 December
	2025			funds	2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Xmas Awards 4 All	274	1,000	639	151	786
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Community Service	-	19,740	15,657	-	4,083
Truemark	4,345	4,235	1,909	(6,671)	-
Club Subs	1,724	5,000	4,900	72	1,896
Hedley Foundation	979	-	-	-	1,218
Enkalon Foundation	1,025	-	953	(72)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund Northern Ireland	500	-	-	(500)	-
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Facilities - Digital Hub	16,135	29,047	(25,291)	-	19,891
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council DIY	-	8,590	(8,606)	16	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	1,305	(1,732)	427	-
	-	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
	<u>24,982</u>	<u>76,656</u>	<u>59,687</u>	<u>(14,077)</u>	<u>27,874</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Building Fund	202,610	-	6,522	-	196,088
Unrestricted General	26,715	22,099	26,189	14,077	36,702
	<u>229,325</u>	<u>22,099</u>	<u>(32,711)</u>	<u>14,077</u>	<u>232,790</u>
Total funds	254,307	98,755	92,398	-	260,664

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15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

16. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No trustee received any payment for acting as a Trustee during the current or preceding financial year. Three trustees were reimbursed for programme expenses paid personally, these totalled to £6,747 (2024 - £5,698). One separate trustee was paid £6,635 (2024 - £NIL) for painting and decorating services for the charity. Following a normal tender process the company in which the trustee is part won the contract for the painting and decorating services.

17. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REMUNERATION

The independent examiners, Daly Park & Company Ltd, received a fee for independent examination of £1,440 (2024 - £1,440).

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	2,980	24,887	27,867	2,023	25,671	27,694
Activities for generating funds	3.2	15,033	-	15,033	30,039	4,583	34,622
Investments	3.3	427	-	427	338	-	338
Other income	3.4	1,070	-	1,070	1,173	-	1,173
Total incoming resources		19,510	24,887	44,397	33,573	30,254	63,827
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	60,622	23,944	84,566	41,767	33,013	74,780
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(41,112)	943	(40,169)	(8,194)	(2,759)	(10,953)
Gross transfers between funds		2,630	(2,630)	-	6,758	(6,758)	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(38,482)	(1,687)	(40,169)	(1,436)	(9,517)	(10,953)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	14	267,807	26,669	294,476	269,243	36,186	305,429
Total funds at the end of the year		229,325	24,982	254,307	267,807	26,669	294,476

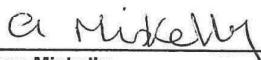
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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2024

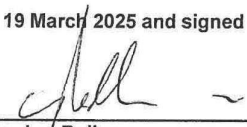
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	10	<u>202,610</u>	<u>209,512</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	737	1,420
Cash at bank and In hand		<u>53,715</u>	<u>85,184</u>
		<u>54,452</u>	<u>86,604</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(2,755)</u>	<u>(1,640)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>51,697</u>	<u>84,964</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>254,307</u>	<u>294,476</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds		24,982	26,669
Designated funds (Unrestricted)		202,610	209,512
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>26,715</u>	<u>58,295</u>
Total funds	14	<u>254,307</u>	<u>294,476</u>

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Anne Miskelly
Trustee



Christopher Buller
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

3.	INCOME				
3.1	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Voluntary Income	<u>2,980</u>	<u>24,887</u>	<u>27,867</u>	<u>27,694</u>
3.2	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Activities to Generate Funds	<u>15,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,033</u>	<u>34,622</u>
3.3	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Investments	<u>427</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>338</u>
3.4	OTHER INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Solar Panel Income	<u>1,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,070</u>	<u>1,173</u>
4.	EXPENDITURE				
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2024
		£	£	£	£
	Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,566</u>	<u>84,566</u>
4.2	SUPPORT COSTS		Charitable Activities	2024	2023
			£	£	£
	Legal & Professional		6,515	6,515	5,885
	Sundry Costs		1,753	1,753	2,671
	Direct Programme Costs		20,863	20,863	33,175
	Heat & Light		2,939	2,939	3,587
	Wages & Salaries		5,721	5,721	6,307
	Membership & Subscriptions		657	657	399
	Depreciation		6,902	6,902	7,378
	Repairs & Maintenance		27,150	27,150	5,133
	Bank Fees		249	249	235
	Printing, Postage & Stationery		4,881	4,881	3,344
	General Admin Costs		6,936	6,936	6,666
			<u>84,566</u>	<u>84,566</u>	<u>74,780</u>
5.	ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS			2024	2023
				£	£
	Legal & Professional			6,515	5,885
	Sundry Costs			1,753	2,671
	Direct Programme Costs			20,863	33,175
	Heat & Light			2,939	3,587
	Wages & Salaries			5,721	6,307

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Membership & Subscriptions	657	399
Depreciation	6,902	7,378
Repairs & Maintenance	27,150	5,133
Bank Fees	249	235
Printing, Postage & Stationery	4,881	3,344
General Admin Costs	6,936	6,666
	<u>84,566</u>	<u>74,780</u>

6. INCOMING RESOURCES

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Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

7. NET INCOMING RESOURCES	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	6,902	7,378
	<u>6,902</u>	<u>7,378</u>
8. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest	427	338
	<u>427</u>	<u>338</u>
9. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION		
The staff costs comprise:	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,721	6,307
	<u>5,721</u>	<u>6,307</u>

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 31 December 2024	250,000	65,335	315,335
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	50,000	55,823	105,823
Charge for the financial year	5,000	1,902	6,902
At 31 December 2024	55,000	57,725	112,725
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	195,000	7,610	202,610
At 31 December 2023	200,000	9,512	209,512
11. DEBTORS			
		2024	2023
		£	£
Prepayments and accrued income		737	1,420
12. CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year			
		2024	2023
		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		2,755	1,640
13. RESERVES			
		2024	2023
		£	£
At the beginning of the year		294,476	305,429
Deficit for the financial year		(40,169)	(10,953)
At the end of the year		254,307	294,476
14. FUNDS			
14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 January 2023	269,243	36,186	305,429
Movement during the financial year	(1,436)	(9,517)	(10,953)
At 31 December 2023	267,807	26,669	294,476
Movement during the financial year	(38,482)	(1,687)	(40,169)
At 31 December 2024	229,325	24,982	254,307

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14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds					
LCCC Xmas	-	1,000	726	-	274
Awards 4 All	5,000	-	5,000	-	-
LCCC Community Service	4,345	4,730	-	(4,730)	4,345
Truemark/Age NI	2,532	-	728	(80)	1,724
Rents	1,439	131	591	-	979
LCCC Hardship Fund	2,000	-	2,081	81	-
LCCC - Activity Programme	11,353	2,601	12,905	(1,049)	-
Hedley Foundation	-	2,500	1,623	148	1,025
Enkalon Foundation	-	500	-	-	500
Lottery	-	13,425	(290)	3,000	16,135
	<u>26,669</u>	<u>24,887</u>	<u>23,944</u>	<u>(2,630)</u>	<u>24,982</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Building Fund	209,512	-	6,902	-	202,610
Unrestricted General	58,295	19,510	53,720	2,630	26,715
	<u>267,807</u>	<u>19,510</u>	<u>(60,622)</u>	<u>2,630</u>	<u>229,325</u>
Total funds	<u>294,476</u>	<u>44,397</u>	<u>84,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,307</u>

The charity's reserves policy is to hold 3 months of operating costs in a separate bank account to be used for the continuation of the charity should it be required in the future. The aim is build up £20k for this fund to cover 3 months running costs.

15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

16. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

During the year, four trustees paid expenses on behalf of the charity using their credit cards, as the charity has no credit card function. These payments were for programme costs and were wholly and exclusively for Aghalee Village Hall's charitable purposes. The charity then reimbursed the trustees for these payments totalling £5,698.

17. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REMUNERATION

The independent examiners, Daly Park & Company Ltd, received a fee for independent examination of £1,440 (2023 - £1,440).

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Aghalee Village Hall TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

Trustees	Christopher Buller Alison Gawith Anne Miskelly Pat McAdams Michael Beacham Derek Blakely Stephen Bann Matt Hull Bobbie Hamill Pauline Buller Kerry Quinn Fernando Gutierrez Fiona Maree Andrea Huff Susan McCavigan John Harris Ian Christie
Charity Number in Northern Ireland	NIC100157
Principal Address	6 Lurgan Road Aghalee Co. Armagh BT67 0DD United Kingdom
Independent Examiner	Daly Park & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants 4 Carnegie Steet Lurgan Co. Armagh BT66 6AS Northern Ireland
Principal Bankers	Danske Bank 45-48 High Street Portadown Co. Armagh BT62 1LB Northern Ireland
Solicitors	R M Cullen & Son 16-22 Edward Street Portadown Co. Armagh BT62 3NA Northern Ireland

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The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Aghalee Village Hall present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2024.

The organisation is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 24 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £257,062 (2023 - £296,116) and liabilities of £2,755 (2023 - £1,640). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(40,169).

At the dawn of 2024

- 2023 had been confirmed as the world's warmest year on record - 1.48C warmer than the long-term average, driven by climate change and El Niño,
- A magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck Japan's western coast, killing an estimated 120 people and injuring more than 100,
- The lowest January temperature of -43.6 C (minus 46.5 F) had been recorded in Sweden for 25 years in Swedish Lapland,
- January 2024 brought a month of contrasts to the UK weather, with three named storms, a significant spell of cold, wintry weather and finally a new UK daily maximum temperature record for January.

And here in Aghalee, the first meeting of Aghalee Village Hall was cancelled due to bad weather!

AGM 2024 - report

This was held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Acting Chairperson: Vice Chairperson Matt Hull was unable to attend and had nominated Anne Miskelly to stand in as Chairperson for the evening and to read his report for 2023.

The Acting Chairperson welcomed everyone to this 2024 AGM of Aghalee Village Hall relating to work to year end 31/12/2023, and welcomed Cllr Claire Kemp and Gina Biggerstaff, Community Services Development Officer with Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, who will be acting as independent presiding officer during nominations to the 2024/5 committee.

All meeting paperwork from 2023 was provided, plus the minutes from AGM 2022.

MINUTES 2022 - ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS Y/e 31/12/22

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Alison Gawith, seconded by Pat McAdams and signed. There were no matters arising.

REPORTS 2023

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT for 2023 was presented by Anne Miskelly

As 2023 dawned, in Northern Ireland we had been without a functioning government for some 11 months, and major budgetary crises were facing a number of public services. All did not bode well for the incoming year.

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However, at AVH, after Christmas 2022 when a number of the Village Hall Committee were recovering after having been in hospital, had contracted Covid or had a bad 'flu which was going about, everyone seemed well recovered and fighting fit.

We had some excitements in 2023, the first was to celebrate the Hall's 90th anniversary in September, and we did this by running a Special Afternoon Tea. A request for photos went out on social media beforehand and which were then added to over 100 donated by Soldierstown Church from their celebration of their Heritage project. We displayed a 90th anniversary table with minute book from the first days in 1933 along with the opening photograph, a short history of different activities through the decades, and 2 booklets of the old village pictures which proved very popular. The Art group showed their paintings, old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Everyone had a great afternoon, with a delicious handmade afternoon tea made entirely by Fiona Maree of the committee. Our thanks to all who made it such a wonderful event.

The second excitement was when we were approached in September by a location scout for the Children's BBC programme 'A Kind of Spark'. They needed an authentic village hall in which to film some scenes for the new series of the programme and had found us in the online yellow pages. They told us we seemed to be the only remaining authentic village hall in the Province.

A Kind of Spark is a story about friendship, courage and self-belief, based on the award-winning novel by neurodivergent author Elle McNicoll. Aimed at children 8-12, it tells the inspirational story of teenager Addie, a neurodivergent girl, growing up and learning the power of her voice.

To cut a long story short, we hired the hall to the film unit for a total of 6 weeks and were paid a handsome rental fee for the duration. We had some shifting about to relocate all our groups and workshops, but we managed it pretty well and thank local Church and Memorial halls for helping us out. As you would imagine, filming caused huge excitement in the village and local area. There were advantages to many due to the filming, re-location sites all made a profit, as did local building supplies, shops both here and in Aghagallon and the cafés in Aghagallon. Members of the committee were in and out daily with the film company and have a few photos for use when allowed. The series aired on 26th April 2024.

Other highlights during 2023 included:

Art Exhibition: in April

Coronation Drop in Event: 6th May

Country Music Night: 13th May

Summer Solstice Walk: 24th June

Rock & Pop Night: 7th October

Christmas Event: Thurs/Fri/Sat 7th- 9th December

Craft Fair held by a local resident: 24th November

During the post Covid **Activities Programme over 2022 & 2023** we held a total of 116 workshops and 8 courses. There were 1,300 places available and more than 300 individuals booked places. The programme was funded by: Telecommunity, Halifax Foundation NI, The Honourable The Irish Society, John Moores Foundation NI, Arnold Clark, Arts Council Northern Ireland, Garfield Weston and Awards for All. Thanks also to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for funding the Coronation and Christmas events. Our sincere thanks to all of these funders as without their support much of the programme wouldn't have been possible.

Social Media page and website – Thanks to Fiona Maree and Peter Rusk for managing both of these which have proved to be very popular, and over the year on our pages we have advertised the work of the hall and reunited the community with all manner of items lost and found.

Newsletter – Once again we produced 2 editions of the newsletter, each reaching more than 1,000 people, in hard copy and on line.

Regular user groups – Thanks to all our regular user groups who continue to meet each week and provide services and activities to all their members and paying vital rental income as they do so.

Resignation – Our Chairman Lewis Trevithick resigned from the Committee in December, stepping down after 5 years in the Chair. We thank him for his time and support of the organisation over the years and wish him well in the future.

Village matters

Traffic calming - Finally happened in 2024, after community discussions started around 2016!

Festive lighting – We continue to repair, erect and pay for the festive lights throughout the village and were pleased this year to have paid for a pole at Coronation Gardens to be rewired. Thanks to the volunteers for managing this each year.

The Future for AVH

In January 2024 we discussed the future of the hall. We want to try and engage the community further and create a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years. We met with Victoria Jackson, Community Development Officer Lisburn &

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Castlereagh City Council and McGarry Consultants, to discuss how we could do this. The project will be focussed on strategic development, future proofing and building sustainability. A Strategic Plan was drawn up and while we were unsuccessful in attracting funding at that time, we met again and reviewed what we could achieve ourselves.

We reviewed our rental hire rates as they had not been increased since 2015.

We sought consultancy fees for 2024 to help with the plan and were successful through Awards for All.

We carried out a skills audit with the current committee and from this will work out what is required by way of additional skills and people.

We planned and created a Community Audit for early 2024.

In 2024 we need to:

Review the findings of the Community Audit.

Create a business plan for the next 3-5 years.

Break the Strategic plan into shorter term activities more easily achievable.

Look at grants available with a possible regard to the employment of a part-time Hall Manager.

Conclusion

It's been busy year for us with a great deal to celebrate and some serious future plans to think about. I would just like to highlight that none of the successes in 2023 would have been remotely possible without the continuing valuable input and support of all the committee members and volunteers working together as a team and I am very grateful for their help and support and thank them all very much indeed.

TREASURER'S REPORT for Y/e 31/12/23 was presented by Chris Buller

On your seats you will have a copy of the accounts to year end December 2023. In accordance with current charity legislation, these have been independently checked by Daly Park & Company Ltd given an unqualified, or clean report.

We offer a huge thank you to everyone in the local community who has supported us with raffle prizes and donations, and especially to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council who put their trust in us and continued their valuable support through their various programmes, and to all the other Trusts and Agencies who have helped us with funding once again this year.

Income for the year decreased on the previous year to £63,827 (2022 - £94,593). The reason for this decrease was the reduction in the number of grants received this year. Grants received in 2023 were £22,595, down from £73,224 in 2022 and were received from Halifax Foundation NI £4,000, combined awards from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council of £8,595 and Awards for All of £10,000.

On a more positive side, the income from rent from hire of the hall increased this year to almost £33,000 (from £17,500 in 2022), mainly due to 6 weeks hire rental from the filming event hire.

Total donations raised through fundraising of £4,642, including a donation from Deutsche Bank matching funds raised at the Carols n Cake event held in 2022, and HMRC Gift Aid of £477.26.

Expenditure (excluding depreciation) for the year has also decreased to £67,402 (2022 - £73,099).

Direct costs on the provision of the hall/activities stayed in line with the level of income received and totalled £64,706 or 96%. This is an increase of 1% on 2022 figures (95%) and includes, cleaning, wages, tutor fees, rates, insurance, light & heat, repairs, programme costs & subscriptions, and consultancy fees in relation to planning for the future. Admin costs made up the remainder of £2,696 (4%) – general admin expenses, bank fees, professional fees and are down 1% from 2022.

Deficit for the year is £3,575 (excluding depreciation) and there is still approximately £26,000 of grant income received in 2023 that crosses over and will be spent in 2024.

This deficit has been reflected in our cash reserves which have decreased from £88k to approx. £85k at year end. The Charity continues to be in a very strong and secure financial position for the next twelve months. The large cash reserves held at 31st December 2023 have been saved up over the past few years and are to go towards the planned refurbishment and repair works to be carried out in 2024; once these are completed our reserves will be back in line with policy.

96% ratio of spend on direct project costs is excellent value for money and we would emphasise to all those present the valuable work we are carrying out on behalf of our local community. I present the accounts for scrutiny and adoption. There were no matters arising and the report was adopted.

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The 2024 nominations from the regular user groups as follows.

Book Club	Fiona Maree & Kerry Quinn
Aghalee Taekwondo	Susan McCavigan & Michael Beacham
Ballindery Badminton Club	Derek Blakely & Bobbie Hamill
Aghalee Upholstery Group	Anne Miskelly & Alison Gawith
Needlecraft Club	Pat McAdams
Art Club	John Harris
Ballet & AgeNI	Pauline Buller

The total regular group representatives nominated is 11, so up to 6 Public representatives may be elected at AGM. Nominations were confirmed for public representatives as follows. There is space for one more and it was noted that volunteers can also be co-opted at a later date.

Public Representatives wishing to stand again in 2024

Matt Hull
Chris Buller
Andrea Huff
Stephen Bann
Fernando Gutierrez
Vacant

The public representatives were proposed by Chris Buller and seconded by Stephen Bann.

Two Special Advisers were acknowledged for their continuing important work: Ruth Macauley, Bookings and Carol Redpath, Safeguarding.

New Reps and Trustees

John Harris will be the new Art Rep – Pauline will meet up with him in June to induct.

Another local man, Ian Christie volunteered to become a committee member. Pauline will go through induction at a mutually suitable date.

Officers

At the first committee meeting of the management trustees after AGM, the following officers and other posts were appointed and elected. All are on a voluntary basis and training is given as required. If we cannot appoint from within the committee, interested parties can be co-opted into post.

Members of the committee are encouraged to consider taking on a post in order to enable the committee to function properly and to take pressure off individuals.

Legal Officers for following 3 years

Chairperson – Anne Miskelly, Vice-Chairperson - Matt Hull, Secretary - Pauline Buller, Treasurer - Chris Buller

Others:

Marketing & Publicity, including Website and social media - Fiona Maree, Ian Christie and Peter Rusk I.T. - Fernando Gutierrez

Booking Secretary - Ruth Macauley

Safeguarding - Carol Redpath

Programme and Courses -Pauline Buller

H&S/Fire Officer – Anne Miskelly and John Harris as Deputy

Maintenance Cttee - Matt, Chris, Lewis, Fernando and others as required

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Other AVH Business in 2024

Grants 2024

LCCC - Community Services Grant 24	Core costs	4,730.00
TNL People & Communities	Activity Prog 2025-26	46,822.00
Hedley Foundation	Elderly Hardship	2,500.00
Enkalon	Core costs	500.00
LCCC - Xmas Grant	Christmas	1,000.00
LCCC - DIY Grant	Maintenance	1,305.00
Total		£56,857.00

Fundraising 2024

Art Exhibition	£	80.00	
Afternoon Tea	£	275.00	
Rock n Pop Night	£	1,000.00	
Upholstery Donations	£	192.18	
Christmas Donations	£	364.93	
Other Donations	£	360.00	
			Grand Total £2,272.11

HMRC on Donations £ 249.28 to be added to this figure.

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We thank all of those funders and individuals who have made donations and/or awarded grants and funds to enable Aghalee Village Hall to continue its work in the community. Without your valued support, none of what we do would be possible.



Ballot Prizes 2024

We received brilliant support from local businesses to the ballot prizes totalling more than £750 and we thank them very much:-

Hannons Transport - 2 Glasgow Express coach trip vouchers, Classic Kitchens – Steam cleaner, Aghalee Taekwondo Club – 6 weeks lessons and insurance cover, Aghalee Vehicle Services - Voucher £50, Centra Aghalee - Voucher £50, Beeches Resource Centre - Wool Wire Sign, Aghalee Pharmacy – Cushion, Trish Rogers Originals - Cheeseboard & Coasters, Breadboard and Tealight holder, The Copper Tree - Xmas fused glass decoration, Aghalee Building Supplies - Voucher £30, Relatively Ceramics - Piece of pottery, Nifty Needles - Snowman and Sewing kit and other prizes from various AVH members.

We thank each and every one of these companies and individuals for their continuing generous donations of prizes for our ballots and events over the year.

Vice Chairperson

Matt Hull was absent for a couple of months while having a new hip, and returned to committee in July.

Retirements

Walter Robertson decided to retire from the committee, but hoped still to be able to help out at Christmas. Walter has been with the committee since 1995, some 29 years, and has helped over the years in numerous ways. The committee thanked Walter for his service and wished him very well in his retirement.

Sheila Hull had been unwell and retired from working as cleaner at the hall after working for us for 22 years. The committee thanked Sheila for her service and offered her its best wishes.

Cleaning Arrangements

Lindsey Matchett, took on the cleaning work until the end of December. She has expressed an interest in taking on the work as per Sheila's hours, should it become available. The committee agreed a 3-month trial (Jan-March). The role is not that of an employee and will be invoiced on a monthly basis.

Centre manager

We made an application to Halifax 40 Invest for funding towards salary of p/t centre manager and are looking also at The Fore and Heritage Lottery funding to further develop this role.

Annual events 2024

Country Night and *Solstice Walk* were not held this year

Art Exhibition and Afternoon Tea – 20th to 22nd September

The combined Art exhibition and Afternoon tea events were held between Friday 20th and Sunday 22nd September. The SRC art group exhibited the work they had created over the previous year. This event opened on Friday night and was very well attended over the weekend. The group donated £80 from sales made. The Afternoon Tea event was well attended again with committee member Fiona Maree making all the baked goods and sandwiches for the event, ably helped by other committee members acting as waiting and kitchen staff. A total of £275 was donated after expenses. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard and were involved in making the weekend such a success.

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De-stash event pics – 29th June

This year the hall was hired for its first de-stash event. This is not a craft fair but an event where crafters and other like-minded people come together to sell on excess crafting goods and items. AVH set up the small hall as a tea room and made £130. It is planned by the organiser to hold up to 4 events next year.



Rock & Pop Night – 5th October

The Village Hall was once again the venue for the annual Rock and Pop gig night on Saturday 5th October. The audience was entertained by regulars, Dazed and The Renegade Kings as well as 3 acts appearing for the first time. All performers appeared free of charge with takings going to support the Village Hall.

Dazed opened the evening with their blend of 70's classics, such as Baker Street, Starman and Nights in White Satin. Next up were the newcomers Eddie and Connor playing a mixture of old and new material, followed by Liz, who sang a solo of 'Torn' followed by a duet with John of the The Renegade Kings and finally Siobhan who performed two beautiful solo ballads.

Following a very well supported raffle, The Renegade Kings took to the stage to perform hits from the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Queen and many more, as well as a few of their own compositions. (Keep an eye out on social media for their upcoming appearances).

Once again everyone had a great night, a total of £1,000 was raised and hopefully we can do it all over again, same time next year. Huge thanks to everyone concerned.



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Craft Fair – 2nd November

Local woman and artist, Trish Rogers once again hosted the annual Christmas craft fair at the hall. AVH Secretary Pauline and her daughter Katherine and granddaughter Abigail, took a table at the fair and along with sales from their crafts made a donation of £200 to AVH.



Rock Choir NI – 17th November

We held a Rock Choir NI event to raise funds for Dementia NI. We had a full house, a wonderful time and £450 in donations was raised.



Christmas Switch on – 5th December

This was a wonderful event in the hall. After the festive lights were repaired, erected and lit up, we held our annual, free. Community switch-on event, which was attended by The Mayor of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, Cllr Kurtis Dickson, who conducted the countdown. Our three partner schools each sang a Christmas song and Toby Pinecone was there to check who was on the naughty or nice list. The hall was full of happy people who were served refreshments by Ruth Macauley and a band of ladies from the committee.



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Santa Visits – 6th & 7th December

Following the switch on event, we held our annual Santa visits. The Paul Green Hall had been transformed for the duration into the Grotto and Waiting Room by many of the committee. Over the Friday evening and Saturday despite Storm Darragh, this also went very well apart from 16 no show families, due to the very bad weather on the Saturday morning. Santa saw 51 families and 114 children including babes in arms. Between choirs on Thursday night and Santa visits we gave out 162 dairy and non-dairy selection boxes and 4 books, leaving 43 selection boxes which we donated to Moira foodbank.

The total raised between the 2 events of £364.93



Activities Programme 2024

The 2024 activities programme was greatly reduced from 2022 + 2023, due to few grants being available. In the first 3 months of 2024 we carried out the workshops and courses displaced by the filming at the hall during the end of 2023, and from April to the end of December we completed the programme for the year. The stats for the reduced 2024 programme:- we held 36 workshops and 11 courses. There were 350+ places available and all places were booked. The programme was funded by grants received in late 2023 from: Halifax Foundation NI and LCCC MAC. We thank both of them most sincerely as without their support we just would not have been able to provide such wonderful opportunities to the community. AVH made up the balance of around £5,000.

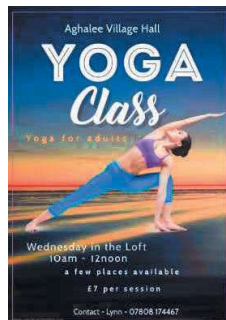


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New activity

We took two new bookings: Adult Yoga – Wednesday 24th April between 10am and 12pm & Child Yoga – Monday 3rd June between 6.30 and 7.30pm (on a 4 week trial basis); these new classes addressed a couple of the findings from the survey. The adult yoga was successful and has continued through the rest for the year, but sadly, the children's and family programmes didn't survive once children returned to school in September.



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Loss of Activity

After 20+ years with Aghalee Village Hall, the Jeanne Cree School of Ballet left the hall at the end of October and moved to Craigmore Church Hall. This was because of their need for additional hours on a Thursday which we were unable to give. We are sorry to see them go, they will be a great loss to us in both income/use of the hall and in bringing people to the hall. We thank Mrs Cree for her use of the hall over the years and wish her well in Craigmore.

Activities Programme 2025 – 2026

In May, we heard we had been awarded a total of £46,822 over 2 years by The National Lottery, People & Communities, for a continuation of the Activities Programme into 2025/26. This was wonderful news and we are deeply indebted to the Lottery for this wonderful award to continue to host the programme in 2025 and 2026. Within the month the hard work of finding tutors and new activities along with the timetabling started! Advertising for term 1 started on 17th November for applications opening on 24th. The public was notified via the usual noticeboards, webpages and social media posts. The Secretary managed this. This year we asked people to pay up front for the activities they were successful in obtaining. We look forward to the activities starting in January 2025. In total there will be 47 workshops and courses over 2025 reaching children, teens, families, SEN and adults and the cost for the whole of 2025 will be approximately £22,000.



Term 1 Activities



Caretaking

This year we continued to require caretaking help required from club reps and we thank them for their help and support:

TUESDAY NIGHT - Taekwondo Club – after class put out tables and chairs for AgeNI on Wed morning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Exercise Class – after class put out against wall 16 tables for Thursday Upholstery.

THURSDAY NIGHT – Either Taekwondo Club or Ballinderry Badminton Club (depending on who is the last group using the hall on a Thursday night) – after class put out and erect 15 tables for SRC use on a Friday morning.

One of the new committee members has very kindly offered to help out with caretaking arrangements and it is hoped this will prove to be suitable and will really help us manage more efficiently and we thank them for their offer of help.

Other Hall Activity – Regular Programme

- AgeNI WEDNESDAYS in the Main Hall – 10.00am – 3.00pm (Over 65) – Contact: Gillian Thompson Manager - Contact: 07733 912 876 Gillian.Thompson@ageni.org
- Aghalee Taekwondo Club TUESDAYS - in the Main Hall – 6.30pm – 8.00pm (Age 7+) THURSDAYS - in the Main Hall – 6.30pm – 8.00pm (Age 7+) Contact: Michael Beacham – 07548 885 114, or email Michaelb5717478@btinternet.com
- AVH Upholstery Classes THURSDAYS mornings – 9.30am – 12.30pm in the Main Hall. Contact: June Acheson 028 9261 9177
- Ballinderry Senior Badminton MONDAY evenings and THURSDAY evenings 8 to late. Contact: Text or call Bobbie Hamill on 07919 123 027 or Derek Blakely on 07791 267 636.

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- Book Club FIRST TUESDAY of each month - In The Loft. Contact: Clare Ward 028 9265 0377
- Needlecraft Group SECOND TUESDAY of each month - In The Loft.
- Southern Regional College - Hobby Art MONDAYS in the Paul Green Hall – 10:15am – 12:15pm. Contact: Jim Cunningham 07711 981 732 or College on 0300 123 1233.
- Southern Regional College - Upholstery Classes FRIDAYS in the Main Hall. 10.00am to 12.00pm and 12.30pm - 14.30pm. Contact: Jim Cunningham 07711 981 732
- Yoga for adults – Tuesday mornings in the Main Hall and Wednesday mornings by arrangement 10.00am to 12.00pm. Contact: Lynn on 07808 174467.

Hire increases

In January we implemented our new hire charges which hadn't been increased since 2015. We made some modest increases and we feel the hire of the hall is still very good value for money. We have 3 rooms to choose from: the main badminton sized hall for larger groups, private parties and hires, the Paul Green hall suitable for classes and/or workshops and the Loft for small groups, such as yoga, smaller clubs etc. We advertised through various methods to encourage further hire of the hall and will continue to do this in 2025.

Legal status

We considered options for AVH legal status as we said we would do this as part of our strategy review. Information was gathered with help from CCNI, NICVA and the consultant about the options available to AVH regarding a review of its status, these being: stay as it is or becoming a company limited by guarantee. This was discussed at length and a unanimous decision was made to stay as we are. We will review again in some years time.



Maintenance

Alley-way – a non-slip surface – we had work carried out on this and complained to the contractor that the surface they put down was not suitable and had lifted off and that AVH was very dissatisfied with the service. An apology and full reimbursement were received.

Main works – March

Major repairs to the rear of the hall were carried out. This work was remedial work to the original 1930s high woodwork along with replacement soffit and fascia at the Paul Green Hall and the rear of the main building. We painted the high areas of the hall and repaired various gutters and spouts. We also put in a rear fire door from the kitchen along with a ramp to service the change in ground height. Other items such as interior painting, replacement of all lights with LED lights and replacement curtains will be completed whenever funds allow. These main repairs to cost a total of £19,998, which we had saved towards over the previous couple of years.



Legionella requirements – water improvements

We also spent time and effort in upgrading our plumbing after a Legionella audit, which showed there was room for improvement. We replaced the tank water storage plumbing with direct main input to designated water heaters for each area meaning there would be constant hot water as and when required and that this would also comply with Legionella requirements. Old doglegs pipes were removed and the whole plumbing system overhauled. One of the committee undertook to carry out the monthly paperwork requirements and checks

Policy Reviews

Our Safeguarding Advisor Carol had reviewed and a draft updated Safeguarding policy and Code of Conduct for discussion and consideration. Committee members were each expected to sign Code of Conduct and also to undertake the training to complete the review of our Safeguarding Policy. Details of suitable training were sent round. We agreed that 2 people would complete training each year and the revised Safeguarding Policy was proposed, seconded and agreed.

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Strategy progress

Pauline has been continuing to work with the consultant on this. We looked at working up an application for some possible funding opportunities (several have been identified) to fund a part-time Centre Manager. We also asked NICVA to review our Constitution (it appeared the AVH Trust document had been amended over the years to become a Constitution on one document and this had been accepted by the Charities Commission as our governing document) and to advise on possible changes/improvements to enable us to remain on track for the future. They are to come back to us with recommendations. We had to consider what 'heritage' with regard to the hall is, as heritage means different things to different people.

We spoke with both Maghaberry and Aghagallon community halls and the findings from these were surprising. We seem to be doing well despite our concerns about the future and both of the other groups are also having difficulties very similar to our own, despite Maghaberry receiving Council grant aid towards 1 full time and 2 part-time employees and Aghagallon receiving grant aid for a part-time admin employee. In both cases the groups had to make up the difference in wages from their letting incomes. We also spoke with Rural Community Network of which we are a member, and they reviewed our Governance, were very impressed, and said we should be congratulated for the way in which we work and manage ourselves. We spoke to local Councillor Claire Kemp, with regard to the Council Community Facilities Audit to see how this might impact on AVH and found that many of the other groups wanted to have a forum for Killultagh area and have a 'borrowing' facility in place whereby all the groups could advise what equipment they held and from which others could borrow. We advised Claire there were insurance implications with this proposal as AVH insurers were not keen for us to 'lend' items off premises as they are then not covered.

Survey - a community survey was carried out Jan/Feb asking what people would like to see happening at the Hall, as well as opinions requested from each group/workshop using the hall.

After reviewing the information gathered, it was felt there weren't many surprises from results of the survey. As usual, we were in equal opinion: doing well/not doing enough, addressing all we were asked/not addressing enough, providing enough activities/not providing enough. We are already addressing many of the items requested, but it was acknowledged that we did need to try and publicise the hall more in the near future to try and attract more regular and other users which would in turn provide more activities and income. Daytime Yoga classes in the Loft were already planned in April for a trial 6 weeks. The main hall remains open for public hire for private parties and activities. The Activity Programme which is based mainly in the PG Hall would finish at the end of May. There were a number of requests for a Men's Shed but there aren't really any suitable rooms in which to house a venture like this as equipment would need to be safely contained, but it is possible a men's group could meet on a regular or drop in basis. Also requested was Youth club at the hall, but without official input from Education Authority it was felt this would be very difficult to achieve. Regarding other, village matters that came out of the survey, they remain: - the state of the towpath, traffic calming on different roads and dog fouling, none of which it was felt we can really do much about. The details of the survey will be added into strategic planning.

Other Work, Events & Activities of AVH in 2024

Aurora – Twice!

Aurora spectacular - We were treated to an amazing light show over Northern Ireland on the night of Friday 11th May and once again on 10th October.

Not usually seen over NI, the lights were visible after some of strongest geomagnetic storms in more than 20 years hit the earth. The most active conditions tend to occur at the maximum of and 11 year solar cycle, and it was expected to be possible to see the lights for a few days after this, depending on cloud cover and pollution.

The lights appear as bright swirling sheets or curtains of light in the night sky and can range in colour from green through to pink, purple and red. They are caused by charged particles from the storms in the sun hitting gases in the earth's atmosphere. The different colours occur due to different gases being energised by the charged particles. The most common gases affected are nitrogen and oxygen. Oxygen glows green and nitrogen varies pink, purple and blue. Oxygen at higher levels glows red. While these can be seen by the naked eye, they aren't often seen to their full beauty until captured by either camera or phone, which see more than the human eyes. The most impressive auroras occur when the sun emits very large clouds of particles during a solar storm, called 'coronal mass ejections'.

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Bank – The Bank changed banking arrangements when it closed in Lurgan. The next nearest branch is in Portadown and the only alternative is to use the Post Office to lodge cash and cheques. In 2024 a PIN number with debit cash lodgement cards was required to make cash lodgements. We had to write asking for new cards and PIN numbers to be sent out. Paperwork T&Cs for these cards was approved and accepted by the committee with Pauline Buller being the named person to lodge on behalf of the organisation.

Blueways – We were contacted by Joe Nelson of Aghagallon Community Group about possible funding opportunity/developments for Greenways and Blueways through both council areas. We had talked in the past about the possibility of connecting our respective villages by reopening the towpath from Aghalee to Aghagallon. ABC Council is still committed to their preferred Greenway investment being Aghalee to Portadown. Aligned with the Greeways are the Blueways, **which** are a brand-new outdoor recreation offering, currently unique to **Ireland**. They encourage the use of lakes, canals, rivers and coastal environments for walking, cycling, swimming, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding while engaging with nature and heritage. The Waterways Community is lobbying for this locally with Aghagallon Community Centre. We agreed that AVH would support the venture and committee member Kerry Quinn had agreed to be our representative; she will contact Joe and advise about our situation, and confirm our agreement to support the venture.

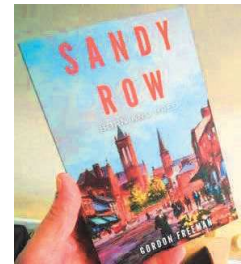
Book

A message came in about a new book that would be of great historical interest to the people of Aghalee and Soldierstown – the memoirs of a young boy from Sandy Row in Belfast evacuated to Aghalee during World War II. It must have felt as though he was hundreds of miles from home - yet it's a journey many make now on a daily basis to go to work. While the book is only in part about his time in Aghalee, the story as a whole will be a fascinating one to many.

"Aghalee and Soldierstown residents will find a new book fascinating.

The title is 'Sandy Row Born and Bred' by the late Gordon Freeman who devoted a whole chapter to his experiences in the Aghalee area when he was evacuated there as a child from Sandy Row, Belfast during World War II. The chapter is entitled, 'The Farmer's Boy' which he certainly was

not, and perhaps he would never have survived the country but for the close friendship he struck up with Teddy Dugan. They were both pupils at Soldierstown School. The book tells of the adventures they had together. I understand Teddy is no longer with us; not sure when he died. It would be interesting to know if any of the families mentioned have still family connections with the area. It would also be interesting to know if some of the place names mentioned in the book are still used today. For example, would anyone today know the whereabouts of McKinstry's Hill? The book will make a very important inclusion in the local history of the Aghalee and Soldierstown area. The book is not for profit and any proceeds after the cost of producing the book, will go into community work in the greater Sandy Row area in Belfast. The paperback book can be purchased through Amazon. There is also a Kindle edition."



Bus Shelters

After several years of asking Translink for bus shelters in the village, they finally admitted they had 'misplaced' our application. MLA David Honeyford contacted them on our behalf and championed our cause again. The result of this is that, after asking for 4 shelters we are to get 1, this on Ballycairn Road, for the bus going into Lisburn, as Translink say this is the busiest stop.

Chip Shop Planter

We are indebted to Christine Lynn, from Down to Earth Gardening for continuing to sort out and replant this container every season. It's lovely to have this sort of job carried out by a local business on a voluntary basis

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Community Transport

We met with Richard Dougherty, manager of Lagan Valley Rural Transport, which now includes Aghalee in its area. Registration with LVRT means those of us in the Aghalee rural area within Lagan Valley electoral area, with little or no access to public transport or those who have disabilities, can avail of a booking system for trips into Lisburn and all points East. This service will prove to be a real boon to our community.



Deaths in the community

There were a number of deaths affecting committee members plus a large number of deaths in the local community 2024 and we offer our sincere condolences to those who have been bereaved.

Committee related deaths included:

Nat Skelton – 7th February, father of committee member Anne Miskelly.

Matt McFarland - 5th July, father of committee member Pat McAdams.

Rita Blakely – 6th July, mother of committee member Derek Blakely. Rita was involved in the work of Aghalee Village Hall and helped to run Aghalee Tiny Tots Playgroup in the 1980s. There are many children from the village who will fondly remember being looked after by Rita.

Maureen Taylor & Ernie Taylor – 22nd June & 23rd September, both former badminton players who spent many happy hours at the hall. Maureen was also a former Village Hall committee member 1978-1985.

Gwen Johnston & George Johnston – 4th May & 27th September – George was a former Secretary of AVH for 10 years 1985 – 1994. Sadly predeceased by his wife Gwen in May. George & Gwen moved to Aghalee in or around 1979 and took a great interest in matters going on in the village. They both became involved in various ways in the work of the hall. On retirement from business, George was able to spend much more of his time involved with Aghalee Village Hall and during his tenure as Secretary, was instrumental in the great refurbishment of 1985/86. After his retirement from the hall committee, George was often consulted about matters relating and gave of his immense knowledge so willingly to those seeking his help. As recently as a week before his death the current Secretary called in with him to chew over a problem that needed a fresh perspective and some sage advice, which was given in a measured and carefully considered way as always, and more to the point, was so very appropriate.

Kathleen Searson – 20th October, mother of Seamus Searson volunteer and mother in law of committee member Fiona Maree

Roly Lyons – 9th December - Roly was a committee member and representative of Aghalee Badminton Club in 1987 and again from 1993 to 1996. He was a great mentor for young players just learning the game and always great craic at the same time. He especially enjoyed the 'round robin' nights when young and old pitched in playing against each other.

Festive Lighting

In early 2023 AVH had agreed to fund the infrastructure to a refurbished Dfl lighting column at Coronation Gardens, to enable our festive lighting to be displayed there at Christmas. Since then several other Dfl columns have either become faulty or had infrastructures removed for one reason or another. In December '24 Chris repaired the festive lights and had arranged for these to be put up on the working columns with help from Nigel Grant and Frank McGrady. Electrical contractor Stephen Magee Electrical supervised as per Dfl/NIE licence requirements, but it transpired several columns didn't work.

AVH continued to petition Dfl as to why we should be expected to fund the replacement or repair when it has largely been through the actions of Dfl that these no longer worked. The result in late December 2024 was that Dfl agreed to repair/reinstate a number of columns to enable the festive lighting to be properly restored from 2025.

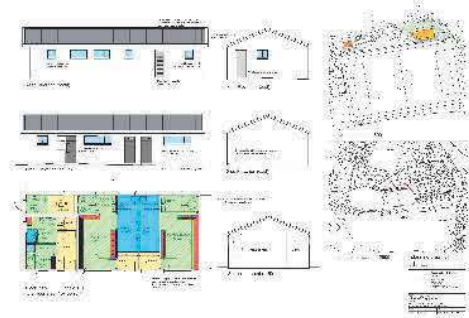
Fire Officer

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We needed someone new to undertake training for the Legionella requirements and Scan Alarm Fire checking requirements and carry out the monthly safety checks at the hall.

Also, fire evacuation checks will need to be undertaken by each user group at least once per year and records kept. It is expected each group representative will carry this out. Anne Miskelly agreed to undertake training as Fire Officer and John Harris agreed to be Deputy.



Football changing facility

The Council plans for a replacement changing facility at the playing fields are now approved and although there is as yet no date to start building, the demolition of the old facility will be a huge improvement to the playing field.

Noted that there is no public toilet in the Village and AVH has asked whether one would be included as part of this development.

Fly tipping and litter

We have highlighted episodes of fly tipping around the area to try and discourage this and other littering. On different roads in the district, in both council areas, items such as fridges, lorry loads of tyres and black plastic bags of rubbish have been dumped. Both councils have responded to remove the items. There are number of local people who regularly collect litter from the sides of the roads and we thank them and their efforts to keep our community cleaner.



Gold lamé - Filming legacy

The gold lamé backdrop to the stage left by CBBC crew in 2023 has proved to be a big hit with all our users and those who perform on the stage. It certainly adds to the sense of entertainment at the hall.



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Over the year we advertised lost or found pets on our social media page and had reports of at least 16 dogs, 14 cats and 5 cattle! We also had a report of sheep tangled up in barbed wire. In the main everyone was happily reunited. We were also asked continuously over the year about permission to advertise on our social media page. We don't advertise on this page but responding to demand, we opened a new page, **Aghalee Notice Board** for people to freely post items of interest.

Men's Group

After a post to gauge interest, one of our committee, Ian Christie suggested a cohort of those interested could arrange to meet to discuss what might be possible to organise. He agreed to convene a meeting in the Loft early in 2025 to see how this might develop.

Moira Station

The plans for the new arrangement at Moira train station were finally approved and it is expected work will start in Spring 2025 to provide an additional 466 parking spaces, 23 disabled spaces, secure cycle parking and related supporting structures, allowing improved links to Belfast and other towns and cities. Work is to be completed by the end of 2026. There is still considerable disappointment about the continuing very poor egress on to the A26, safe pedestrian access over the A26 from Maghaberry direction, nor for additional lighting on the approach roads, but local politicians continue to petition on behalf of the community.



Seats and path at Wildflower meadow

One of our committee, Stephen Bann, worked with the Council to improve the seating and install a path at the wildflower meadow area in the village. By June the work was completed and it looks very well, with seasonal planters installed in front of the seating area.

Thank-you meal 2024

We met in The Gate Inn on Friday 31st May 2024 for our 'thank you' meal for all our regular volunteers over the year. This went very well with 23 people attending and having a super meal and the best of craic.

Traffic Calming/update

Money for this was to have come from Small Villages Scheme but due to all the restrictions we were unsure when the work would finally be carried out. Work started on 19th March and was expected to last 4 weeks. We approached the Council about the roses which were removed from the beds opposite the hall to facilitate the works as the contractor advised these had been dug up and discarded. By June the work was completed. In October the roses were replanted. There have been a great number of complaints about people driving down the centre of the humps and misusing the measures put in place and we have directed complainants to DfI directly. Planning is now being sought for speed ramps on part of the Soldierstown Road at the housing to slow traffic as it enters the village from there. There is no date yet for these works to commence.



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Soldierstown Road Improvements

Volunteers - thanks

Very many thanks to all the volunteers and helpers who have helped out in any way over the past 12 months. There are those who have: set out tables and equipment, put this all away again, looked after bookings, collected subs and ticked off names at workshops, washed dishes, served food, given of their time to fundraise, sell ballot tickets, do the H&S paperwork, sort the accounts, become elves and other Christmas VIPS, and make the hall what it has been over 2024. Thank you all – without you the Village Hall would not be able to continue its work.

Youth worker – Aghalee

There continues to be no dedicated youth worker for the young people in the community. The Education Authority have been unable to attract anyone suitable to the post, despite advertising a few times. We will continue to work with the EA to try and find some provision for our youth.

Wildlife

We are all very fortunate to have such a beautiful area of the world in which to live. Our social media pages are full of pictures of the life that goes on around us.



Credit – Lindsay Clarke



Credit – Bob McGlade

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Credit – Abigail Lloyd



Credit – Pauline Buller

Future - Planning for 2025

The future for Aghalee Village Hall is secure for the short term. There are funds in the bank from various activities, our major Activities Programme is catered for over 2025/26 and we have the staff to achieve what we need to. For the medium term, we need to consolidate our position, bring in more regular users to the hall, expand our activities and above all, find the resources to employ a part-time centre manager to relieve some of the pressures on a few dedicated individuals.

For the longer term, we will meet and discuss options with the appropriate agencies and advisors and by the end of 2025, should hopefully be in a position to identify our strategy for the long term future of the hall within the community.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

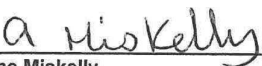
The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Aghalee Village Hall subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

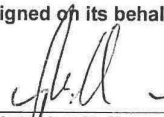
Public Benefit

The charity has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Anne Miskelly
Trustee



Christopher Buller
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

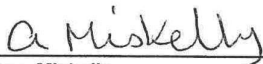
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.


The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Anne Miskelly
Trustee



Christopher Buller
Trustee

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Annual return

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AGHALEE VILLAGE HALL

We have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the 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 statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



DALY PARK & COMPANY LTD
Chartered Accountants
4 Carnegie Steet
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Northern Ireland

Date: 19 March 2025

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 100157

Accounts

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	3.1	2,023	25,671	27,694	34,651	40,209	74,860
Activities for generating funds	3.2	30,039	4,583	34,622	16,320	2,535	18,855
Investments	3.3	338	-	338	28	-	28
Other income	3.4	1,173	-	1,173	850	-	850
Total incoming resources		33,573	30,254	63,827	51,849	42,744	94,593
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	4.1	41,767	33,013	74,780	61,166	19,906	81,072
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(8,194)	(2,759)	(10,953)	(9,317)	22,838	13,521
Gross transfers between funds		6,758	(6,758)	-	2,434	(2,434)	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		(1,436)	(9,517)	(10,953)	(6,883)	20,404	13,521
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	14	269,243	36,186	305,429	276,126	15,782	291,908
Total funds at the end of the year		267,807	26,669	294,476	269,243	36,186	305,429


The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2023


	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	10	209,512	216,890
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	1,420	1,875
Cash at bank and in hand		85,184	88,064
		86,604	89,939
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,640)	(1,400)
Net Current Assets		84,964	88,539
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		294,476	305,429
Funds			
Restricted funds		26,669	36,186
Designated funds (Unrestricted)		209,512	225,685
General fund (unrestricted)		58,295	43,558
Total funds	14	294,476	305,429

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21st February 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Matt Hull
Trustee



Christopher Buller
Trustee

Aghalee Village Hall

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Aghalee Village Hall is a charity incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the company has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	-	2% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% Reducing Balance

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

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Taxation and deferred taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

3. INCOME					
3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income		<u>2,023</u>	<u>25,671</u>	<u>27,694</u>	<u>74,860</u>
3.2 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Activities to Generate Funds		<u>30,039</u>	<u>4,583</u>	<u>34,622</u>	<u>18,855</u>
3.3 INVESTMENTS		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Investments		<u>338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>28</u>
3.4 OTHER INCOME		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Solar Panel Income		<u>1,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,173</u>	<u>850</u>
4. EXPENDITURE					
4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Charitable Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,780</u>	<u>74,780</u>	<u>81,072</u>
4.2 SUPPORT COSTS			Charitable Activities	2023	2022
			£	£	£
Legal & Professional			<u>5,885</u>	<u>5,885</u>	1,800
Sundry Costs			<u>2,671</u>	<u>2,671</u>	1,093
Direct Programme Costs			<u>33,175</u>	<u>33,175</u>	25,067
Heat & Light			<u>3,587</u>	<u>3,587</u>	3,670
Wages & Salaries			<u>6,307</u>	<u>6,307</u>	6,290
Membership & Subscriptions			<u>399</u>	<u>399</u>	393
Depreciation			<u>7,378</u>	<u>7,378</u>	7,973
Repairs & Maintenance			<u>5,133</u>	<u>5,133</u>	23,980
Bank Fees			<u>235</u>	<u>235</u>	228
Printing, Postage & Stationery			<u>3,344</u>	<u>3,344</u>	4,001
General Admin Costs			<u>6,666</u>	<u>6,666</u>	6,577
			<u>74,780</u>	<u>74,780</u>	<u>81,072</u>
5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS				2023	2022
				£	£
Legal & Professional				<u>5,885</u>	1,800
Sundry Costs				<u>2,671</u>	1,093

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Direct Programme Costs	33,175	25,067
Heat & Light	3,587	3,670
Wages & Salaries	6,307	6,290
Membership & Subscriptions	399	393
Depreciation	7,378	7,973
Repairs & Maintenance	5,133	23,980
Bank Fees	235	228
Printing, Postage & Stationery	3,344	4,001
General Admin Costs	6,666	6,577
	74,780	81,072

6. 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 at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

7. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	7,378	7,973

8. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest	338	28

9. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

The staff costs comprise:	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	6,307	6,290

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings freehold £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 31 December 2023	250,000	65,335	315,335
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	45,000	53,445	98,445
Charge for the financial year	5,000	2,378	7,378
At 31 December 2023	50,000	55,823	105,823
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	200,000	9,512	209,512
At 31 December 2022	205,000	11,890	216,890
11. DEBTORS		2023	2022
		£	£
Prepayments and accrued income		1,420	1,875
12. CREDITORS		2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		1,640	1,400
13. RESERVES		2023	2022
		£	£
At the beginning of the year		305,429	291,908
(Deficit)/Surplus for the financial year		(10,953)	13,521
At the end of the year		294,476	305,429
14. FUNDS			
14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 January 2022	276,126	15,782	291,908
Movement during the financial year	(6,883)	20,404	13,521
At 31 December 2022	269,243	36,186	305,429
Movement during the financial year	(1,436)	(9,517)	(10,953)
At 31 December 2023	267,807	26,669	294,476

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14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds					
LCCC Xmas	50	1,358	1,288	(120)	-
Awards 4 All	-	10,000	-	(5,000)	5,000
LCCC Community Service	-	4,345	-	-	4,345
Truemark/Age NI	2,749	1,036	457	(796)	2,532
Rents	1,308	131	-	-	1,439
Arts Programme	28,729	4,952	24,891	(8,790)	-
The Older People's Fund	3,350	-	4,146	796	-
LCCC Coronation	-	553	786	233	-
LCCC Hardship Fund	-	3,316	1,445	129	2,000
LCCC - Activity Programme	-	4,563	-	6,790	11,353
	<u>36,186</u>	<u>30,254</u>	<u>33,013</u>	<u>(6,758)</u>	<u>26,669</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Building Fund	216,890	-	7,378	-	209,512
Designated: Capital	8,795	-	-	(8,795)	-
Unrestricted General	43,558	33,573	34,389	15,553	58,295
	<u>269,243</u>	<u>33,573</u>	<u>(41,767)</u>	<u>6,758</u>	<u>267,807</u>
Total funds	<u>305,429</u>	<u>63,827</u>	<u>74,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,476</u>

Grants received this year include Awards 4 All (£10,000), LCCC (£9,724), Halifax Foundation (£4,000), Arts Council NI (£500).

15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

16. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

We can confirm there have been no transactions involving trustees outside the normal course of business in the year ended 31st December 2023.

17. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE

Daly Park & Company Ltd were paid £1,320 for independent examination of the financial statements in the year ended 31st December 2023.

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Aghalee Village Hall TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION

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Aghalee Village Hall TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Aghalee Village Hall present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

In the wider world, 2023 dawned with Russia's continued intense bombardment of Kyiv and the Met Office confirmed that 2022 was the UK's warmest year since records began in 1884.

In Northern Ireland, as 2023 arrived, we had been without a functioning government for some 11 months, and major budgetary crisis was facing a number of public services.

All did not bode well for the incoming year.

After Christmas 2022, a number of the Village Hall Committee were recovering after having been in hospital, contracted either Covid or a bad flu which had going about, and it was hoped everyone was well recovered and fighting fit for 2023.

Grants 2023

Halifax Comm Fdn NI towards the Art/Activity Programme	£4,000.00
LCCC - MAC in the community towards the Art/Activity Programme	£750.00
LCCC - Xmas – towards Christmas celebrations	£1,000.00
LCCC – Coronation Grant towards celebrating the Coronation	£500.00
LCCC - Community Service Grant towards core costs	£4,345.00
LCCC Hardship Fund towards AgeNI hampers Jan - April 24	£2,000.00
Awards for All towards consultancy for the future, tables and equipment	£10,000.00
Total granted	£24,595.00

Once again, we offer a huge thank you to everyone in the local community who has supported us with donations, to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council who put their trust in us and continue to give us so much support through their various programmes, and to all the other Trusts and Agencies who have given us funding this year.

Fund-raising 2023

Over 2023, a grand total of £4,642.03 was raised through fund-raising efforts. Of £1,540.53 of this we can claim HMRC aid of approximately £385.13.

This is a superb amount to boost our funds; many thanks to everyone who was involved.

Groups continuing to run over summer

Exercise to Music Classes
AgeNI Aghalee Group
Aghalee Taekwondo Club
Jeanne Cree Ballet
Aghalee Art Club

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Activities Programme 2023 – Applications opened December 2022 and was very heavily subscribed. The 2023 programme has been a massive success once again, with large numbers of people both locally and from wider afield hearing about our super programme and wanting to take part.

This programme has been funded by: Telecommunity, Halifax Foundation NI, The Honourable The Irish Society, John Moores Foundation NI, Arnold Clark, Arts Council Northern Ireland, Garfield Weston and Awards for All. Our sincere thanks to all of these funders as without their support the programme wouldn't have been possible.

Stats for 2023

116 workshops, including 8 courses, 300 individuals who booked places on programme.
1,300 places available and booked.

The majority of workshops were for 10 people, but varied between 8 and 20 depending on the activity being undertaken.

In October 8 workshops had to be cancelled for 2023 to facilitate hire by Film Company These will be run in January 2024 with places offered to the original applicants first rather than made public. Carried over workshops will restart on Saturday 20th January until end November 2024. There should be almost enough funding to run but we will continue to apply for funding to complete.

Some feedback:

1 - I have attended a number of workshops held at the Village hall in the past 8 months. The Arts Programme has given me the opportunity to try some things that I have not done before and in some cases it's something I have never even heard of. The range of classes has been incredible and the tutors have been so friendly and accommodating. The classes have given me an opportunity to also make new friends but have also seen my skills improve over the classes
2 - Initially, for me, entrance and participation in this past year's programme was a 'vehicle' to assist me on my journey forward as a 'new' widow. Although feeling 'tender' at the outset, there was a warm welcome, a strong sense of community, and with much encouragement I quickly realised that one course would never suffice. For me, these affordable and accessible classes included crochet, ceramics, willow wreath making, felting, and pebble art. I formed wonderful new friendships, learnt many new skills, updated and enhanced historical ones, gained fresh confidence whilst improving my wellbeing along the way. For me the opportunities at AVH have been a 'lifeline', enhanced in 'no small way' by the clean and comfortable, well stocked premises and the tireless commitment of the team who have ensured its success.

3 - I'm very happy to report that all the classes I have been lucky enough to attend have all been excellent. Each class has been very different & has given me a chance to learn new skills. I have also enjoyed the social aspect, having the opportunity to meet different people. The classes at the weekends have been a life line for me as I am now living on my own & family and friends are tied up with their own lives.....thus another opportunity to connect with other people. The art classes have been great & it's particularly important to have some evening classes which follow on for several weeks especially during the dark, dank days. Also the crochet classes which I have never done before & have learned how to & read a pattern. There are a lot of opportunities thanks to your hard work and dedication. Flower arranging, Silk painting, Ceramic jug making, Woodworking & Pebble art just to name a few all of which have been great to take part in. Very much hoping these opportunities will continue for the future. Thanks again

Future Activities Programme 2024 – 2026

We met with The Big Lottery on 13th September and were invited to make an application to People and Communities for a 3 year grant up to £60,000 for programming. They suggested we change name from Arts programme to Activities programme as it was more appropriate for the funding stream. The application to Peoples in Communities (Lottery), £58K over 3 years was postponed due to committee illness but the Lottery will be in touch in January 2024 for a possible March submission if we wish to continue. This will be for 3 years funding to support a continuing activities.

Maintenance

As well as the regular, ongoing, regular maintenance issues, we had to start the process to carry out repairs and remedial work to the rear of the hall, between the two security gates. Barge boards and fascias need some major repair, some of the wooden boards need replaced and painting and the high areas of the walls need repainted also. The estimated cost of these works are in the range of £25,000. Whilst it is a financial commitment to spend this amount, it will be cheaper than trying to do so in stages - safe and secure scaffolding carried out by a reputable company will be required to be in place for the entire duration of the works and depending on trades availability, this could be a number of weeks. This is a large job with potential to go awry if not professionally handled. South West Antrim Construction who have carried out work for AVH previously and with whom the committee agreed to use is a reputable company with proper insurance and will coordinate the complete works which our volunteers would not have time to do with individual contractors. Tasks also include carrying out a risk assessment, checking insurances, liaison, and safety checks with NIE and these too would be undertaken with SWAC. Our maintenance manager will liaise with SWAC in getting these works successfully completed.

All white tables were checked out and repairs made.

Covid notices were taken down.

Weeds as rear and sides of the halls were sprayed off.

The car park marking was sorted out again and nonslip surface laid in alleyway. The surface at the alleyway has lifted in places and the company will redo the work when weather is better.

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Thanks to Frank McGrady & Matt for dealing with all tables before upholstery restart, to Alison, Owen, Susan, Pauline and others who weeded and tidied and to Chris and John Buller for dealing with the weeds around the back and side.

Seats at Wildflower meadow

We had asked the Council about a possible path in to the seating at the wildflower meadow but had been advised this was not possible at the time. We had further requests again in 2023 for paths to make it more accessible and more inviting to access the seating from the footpath. A committee member has been in telephone discussions with the Councils regeneration and infrastructure manager and the case has been escalated with confirmation the parks and amenities team will be taking a look at installing a pathway in the wildflower garden in the New Year. There is also the possibility of additional planting.

Broadwater issues/update

Issues this year regarding the towpath and Broadwater, included people parking on the towpath, bins being perpetually full, loud music being heard and people camping. Several of these activities flout local bye-laws. Due to the difficulty of parking on the towpath for the Council, DfI have taken back the emptying of the bins. Some bins have also been moved to other locations.

Councillor Claire Kemp has been liaising with DfI about the issues and about overgrown vegetation. Some works were carried out towards September and one of our committee reported it had been all left in a bit of a mess. Aghalee to Broadwater wasn't left so bad, but from Broadwater to Soldierstown Bridge was just a mess as was Soldierstown to Moira. The Agency had brought machines in to scrape back grass and weeds but it had not been well done. In most places it was only possible to walk in single file.

Donations – Alison McClintock (Carols n Cake Event 2022) made some donations of equipment for upholstery plus table linen, a cool-box and an organ for the stage. We also had a donation of a tea set for Afternoon Tea events from Pat McAdams.

This year we continued to require caretaking help required from club reps and we thank them for their help and support:

TUESDAY NIGHT - Taekwondo Club – after class to put out 6 brown tables and 12 chairs for AgeNI on Wed morning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Exercise Class – after class to put out against wall 16 white tables for Thursday Upholstery use

THURSDAY NIGHT – Either Taekwondo Club or Ballinderry Badminton Club (depending on who is the last group using the hall on a Thursday night) – after class to put out and erect 15 white tables for SRC use on a Friday morning.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON – Taekwondo Club to put tables away in store.

DfI Festive Lighting

We were approached in early 2023 by a resident from Coronation Gardens to see if we could get the infrastructure restored to a lighting column in order to have Festive Lighting reinstated at Christmas. This had been removed when DfI Lights upgrading some street lights and had replaced with a column with no infrastructure. The cost to reinstate fitments was quoted by DfI at £300 and due to DfI funding constraints, the community would have to pay for the work. AVH confirmed that given hall fundraising activities there were funds available and it was agreed to fund as a goodwill gesture to the community.

In December Chris repaired lights and had arranged for these to be put up with help from Nigel Grant and Frank McGrady. Electrical contractor – Stephen Magee Electrical supervised as per DfI/NIE licence requirements.

Traffic Calming/update – Money for this was to have come from Small Villages Scheme but due to all the restrictions we were unsure when the work will finally be carried out. There had been an objection which had to be investigated and considered and which has now been discounted so it is expected works will go ahead in early 2024. DfI staff had been seen in village during October, marking out where lighting columns are to be moved to, facilitating planting of trees, so it would seem things are beginning to start moving.

Death

The funeral was held on 19th September of Prof Rod Blackshaw. Rod was a past Chairman and served on the committee between 1985 and 1987 and was Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee during that refurbishment. The family lived in the little house beside the hall before they moved to England. Deepest Sympathies were extended to the Family.

Filming enquiry

We were approached in September by a location scout for the Children's BBC programme 'A Kind of Spark'.

'A Kind of Spark is a heart-warming story about friendship, courage and self-belief, based on the award-winning novel by neurodivergent author Elle McNicoll. Aimed at children 8-12, it tells the inspirational story of teenager Addie, a neurodivergent girl, growing up and learning the power of her voice. Set across one life-changing summer holiday this season sees Addie taking the voice she found in Season 1 and learning to use it in a way that is both powerful and personal.'

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There's a good chunk of the schedule that takes place in a Village Hall, and having seen some of pictures of the Aghalee Village Hall online I think that it would work very well on this show. We would actually need the location on 2 separate occasions in close proximity.

It is currently Scheduled for: Monday 9th October - Thursday 19th October (Inclusive) and Thursday 26th October - Friday 10th November (Inclusive)

If these dates suit and you are open to having us use the premises I'd be delighted to come down and chat with you more about it. Thanks for taking my call and hope to hear from you soon.'

Well, this was too good an opportunity to miss so we agreed to meet with them the same day the email was received. After a number of meetings over the following week, we agreed a contract and it was agreed filming would commence as planned on 9th October.

Then ensued a very hurried search for premises in which to relocate all our user groups. They were all eventually relocated in – Craigmore Church Hall, Soldierstown Church Hall and Ballinderry War Memorial Hall and one workshop taking place in Aghalee Presbyterian Church Hall. There a few little glitches here and there but on the whole, things went very well. We had to reschedule the Craft Fair and 8 Arts Programme workshops had to be postponed and held after filming finished.

The production team started work in the hall on 9th and they made changes to suit their filming schedule. The Secretary checked the premises each day as required by our insurance company and has advised the crew if any alterations and changes were required to comply with H&S arrangements. The planned leaving date after all put back to normal in the hall was Friday 17th November. We were not allowed to take photos or to publish anything other than we are given by the film company until the show airs in 2024.

Filming – This was a great success. The contract was eventually sorted out satisfactorily with help from our Solicitors, Claire Elliott of RM Cullen & Son, pro bono. The filming caused some excitement in the village. We had many contacts from members of the public asking what's been going on as they saw actors walking about every day. There have been advantages to a number of businesses due to the filming, the re-location sites have all made a small profit, as have local building supplies, shops both here and in Aghagallon and cafés in Aghagallon. Members of the committee have been in and out daily with the film company and have a few photos for use when allowed.

Thanks to everyone who agreed to 'go for it' and who relocated to other sites for the duration; it was well worth our while hiring to the company despite a few disruptions in and around the village. Chris will arrange payment of the other locations as soon as possible, and will invoice the film company before the end of the month.

There are a few bits and pieces that need remedial attention, such as some paint off walls in PG Hall, a blind in the Loft needs replaced and a few other items, including a small repair required to the floor where a castor came of a piano being transported, but we will bear the cost of repair. The gold lame 'flat' and a couple of other items will be left in place.



Youth worker – Aghalee

The Education Authority have been trying again to recruit for a youth worker for Rural Lisburn, which includes Aghalee. They had not been successful recruiting previously hence the delay in putting someone in post. To date, there still is no youth worker in place and we continue to lobby for this with help from our local Councillors.

Policy Reviews

There is a review and changes to be made to Safeguarding Policy and training implemented for the committee to bring up to date. In 2024 several other policies have to be reviewed and updated as necessary

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Chip Shop Planter

We are indebted to Christine Lynn, from Down to Earth Gardening for continuing to sort out and replant this container every season. It's lovely to have this sort of job carried out by a local firm on a voluntary basis



VOLUNTEERS – THANKS

Many thanks to all the volunteers and helpers who have helped out in any way over the past 12 months. There are those who have: set out tables and equipment, put this all away again, looked after bookings, collected subs and ticked off names at workshops, washed dishes, served food, given of their time to fundraise, sell ballot tickets, do the H&S paperwork, sort the accounts, become elves and other Christmas VIPS, and make the hall what it has been over 2023. Thank you all.

User Group Reports

AgeNI - Aghalee

In 2023 AgeNI Aghalee were in the wonderful position of being 'in funds' from a number of sources.

A Hardship Grant from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council awarded at the end of December 2022 £1,315.60 allowed essential hygiene products to be bought for each member each month from February 2023 until December. This fund also purchased Slow Cookers for the members to use at home to help them cook nutritious meals at low cost.

In August 2022, The Older Persons Grant through Community Foundation NI awarded £4,700.00, ending in December 2023 allowing each member to have food hampers each month for 15 months.

With the donations raised through the Carols n Cake concert last December, the group has been able to add to each of these grants as required and also to purchase a Google Home unit for use on their meeting days, which will enable them to access all sorts of entertainment and activities.

A further Hardship Grant from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council awarded at the end of December 2023 will enable the food hampers to carry through until April 2024.

The group is very grateful for all of these grants enabling them to have considerable help through 2023, enabling them to be free from the worry of 'heating or eating'.

Aghalee Book Club

Our group is still going strong, since 3 friends sat together in September 2013 to decide that Pride and Prejudice would be a great first book to read! Hard to believe that we have been together over ten years, albeit with a few face changes along the way!

In 2023 Aghalee Book Club enjoyed another year of reading lots of books!

We have engaged with new members and said goodbye to others.

We have continued with our current format of allowing each member to recommend a book (or books) for the rest of the group to read over the following month. This has helped us to expand the breadth of our reading material, allowing some of us to venture into genres not usually chosen. Books have ranged from autobiographies including those of Ruby Wax and Fern Brady to thrillers including Liz Nugent's latest offering: Strange Sally Diamond.

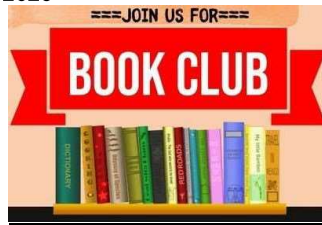
Most of the fictional books which we have read have been thrillers and this continues to be the preferred genre for most within the group.

In 2024, we will continue to explore new authors and we hope that our little group expands to allow more local people to meet up and discuss books!

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month – 8pm in The Loft – new members very welcome

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Aghalee Taekwondo Club

Aghalee Taekwondo Club reopened in January 2023 with a resolution to 'Kick more stuff!'

We had a successful year, starting in March with instructor Michael Beacham achieving his Referee recertification, thanks to the British taekwondo team for organising this course. Then in April members of the club passed their Dan grading, showing that hard work pays off.

In June we took some time out after exams to cut loose up at Moira Lakes Paddle Board Sports & Events Centre and spent some time in the water, enjoying trying to tip others off their boards. The water was warm and the craic was mighty and all of the students really enjoyed themselves Thanks to Susan and Leah for their help, which was greatly appreciated.

In October some of us competed in the Korean Ambassador Cup and managed a couple of medals - well done guys! And, finally in December, we took part in the Grading held in the Village Hall, and several students passed with flying colours.

All in all, we've had a great year and look forward to learning and competing more in 2024.



Reopening – Jan'23



April '23



June '23

Aghalee Upholstery Group

It's Thursday, it's 9.30am and it's 'Upholstery'!

The Thursday upholstery group continues to be very well attended and much enjoyed.

Once again an array of projects, from footstools to fireside chairs, have been completed to an excellent standard under the instructions of June Acheson, our amazing tutor.



Ballinderry Badminton

In 2023 we entered the Church of Ireland League with a mixed team and also entered a Gents team into the Ballinderry League. We drew in 1 new member this year and would welcome more players. Anyone of any ability is very welcome on Monday nights, 20:15 to late.

Exercise to Music

Ciara Mulholland – I was asked last year if I would be interested in starting a class in Aghalee hall as there had been a number of enquiries from the community. I put out a Facebook post to gauge interest and was overwhelmed with the enthusiastic response. I agreed to complete a 10 week block of classes on a Wednesday evening between 7-

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8pm. The classes started on 26/04/23 and have gone from strength to strength. I have a full class of devoted women and can see the improvements and the drive to continuously develop of each member on a weekly basis. We are booked out almost as soon as we advertise a new block of classes.

Jeanne Cree School of Ballet

The school had a very successful year. At Easter the pupils took their ABD exams, from pre preparatory to Grade 8, all passing with a merit or Distinction mark. Lauren and Darcy were invited to take part in scholarship day in Birmingham where Darcy placed 4th and Lauren gained an honours certificate. In May Eva took part in her school talent competition and was awarded 1st place with her character solo, while Erin has been given a scholarship to attend the Hammond ballet school in Chester over the summer.

To finish the year the school danced at our annual McMillan coffee morning and raised over £200 and we look forward to another successful year in 2024

Lost & Found

Over the year on our social media pages, we advertised lost items and animals and reunited the community with 1 x roll of spanners, a toolbox, found the owners for an injured sheep, some cavorting cattle, found 7 cats, 12 dogs (maybe 1 dog several times!, some guinea fowl) and a parrot!



Moira Station. Pauline summarised the report received from David Honeyford MLA. Hedging is confirmed as being tidied over the winter. It would seem Council / Dfl are not going to do anything to improve safety issues until the refurbishment of the Station is complete when it is hoped these issues will have been addressed within the plans. Pauline suggested anyone still concerned about the state of the footpath between the Public house and the Station should contact the local MLAs and asking them to go out to view/discuss the issues.

Rent Increase/fees – As part of the Strategy document requirements, a review was carried out and small increases were recommended for implementation in January 2024. AVH remains competitive with other similar halls. The rent increases will take effect from Jan 2024.

Other Hall Activity – Regular Programmes

- AgeNI WEDNESDAYS in the Main Hall – 10.00am – 3.00pm (Over 65) – Contact: Gillian Thompson Manager - Contact: 07733 912 876 Gillian.Thompson@ageni.org
- Aghalee Taekwondo Club TUESDAYS - in the Main Hall – 6.30pm – 8.00pm (Age 7+) THURSDAYS - in the Main Hall – 6.30pm – 8.00pm (Age 7+) Contact: Michael Beacham – 07548 885 114, or email Michaelb5717478@btinternet.com
- AVH Upholstery Classes THURSDAYS mornings – 9.30am – 12.30pm in the Main Hall. Contact: June Acheson 028 9261 9177
- Ballindery Senior Badminton MONDAY evenings and THURSDAY evenings 8 to late. Contact: Text or call Bobbie Hamill on 07919 123 027 or Derek Blakely on 07791 267 636.
- Book Club FIRST TUESDAY of each month - In The Loft. Contact: Clare Ward 028 9265 0377
- Jeanne Cree Ballet School SATURDAYS in Main Hall - Children accepted from 3 years. Contact: Jeanne Cree 028

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- Needlecraft Group SECOND TUESDAY of each month - In The Loft.
- Southern Health & Social Care Trust. As required during the year.
- Southern Regional College - Hobby Art MONDAYS in the Paul Green Hall – 10:15am – 12:15pm. Contact: Jim Cunningham 07711 981 732 or College on 0300 123 1233.
- Southern Regional College - Upholstery Classes FRIDAYS in the Main Hall. 10.00am to 12.00pm and 12.30pm - 14.30pm. Contact: Jim

The Entertainment Licence has been granted with a reduction in total numbers by the Fire Authority from 250 to 220 because a couple of the double doors are bolted at one door to secure the entrance. When an event is taking place both sets of doors are left unbolted to give the required free escape in case of fire. We will discuss this with the Fire Authority in due course.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of members detailed on page 3 of these financial statements. All board members receive induction training in relation to their role.

AGM Held in 2023 relating to Year End 2022

Date of AGM agreed for Wed 15th March, 7.30 pm, Paul Green Hall.
Report - WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023 AT 7.30PM IN THE PAUL GREEN HALL

Present: Lewis Trevithick (Chairman), Chris Buller (Treasurer), Pauline Buller (Secretary), Victoria Jackson (Community Development Manager, LCCC), Alison Gawith, Ruth Macauley, Matt Hull, Susan McCavigan, Fernando Gutierrez, Kerry Quinn, Suzanne Cochrane, David Twigg, Stephen Bann, Ronnie Lewis & Anne Miskelly

Apologies received: Derek Blakely, Bobbie Hamill, Andrea Huff, Michael Beecham, Fiona Maree, Cllr Claire Kemp, Cllr Beckett

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 2023 AGM of Aghalee Village Hall, relating to y/end 2022

MINS 2021 - ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS Y/e 31/12/21
The minutes was proposed by Anne Miskelly, seconded by Alison Gawith and signed.

REPORTS - 2022

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT for Y/e 31/12/22 was presented by Lewis Trevithick
We opened 2022 with a sense of hope that Covid was finally on the run and that we were going forward learning how to live with it.

Unfortunately, there was a new and infection variant about so restrictions and regulations had to stay in place in some shape or form until September. Thankfully we had planned for this eventuality and everything was in place.

Highlights this year were a return of most of our public social activities:

- Afternoon Tea – a great success with the Art Exhibition and funds raised for the hall
- Art Exhibition
- Jubilee Celebrations – a wonderful celebration for the whole village, especially the over 70s
- Solstice Walk – a very wet walk this year but more funds raised
- Rock & Pop Gig Night – an excellent night's music with over £1,000 raised
- Christmas Market run by a local resident – enjoyed by the whole village
- Annual Craft Fair run by a local resident – also enjoyed by the whole village
- Carols and Cake Concert – enjoyed by the whole village
- Santa at the hall – booked out with 77 families and 165 children visiting to see Santa. (Santa visits at Christmas this year remained as pre-booked appointments with no large public gathering, but it is hoped next year we will be able to open the hall again to a 'proper' event)
- Return of paper newsletters in May and December
- Liaising with various Agencies and Authorities about improvements in the Village, the Canal towpath and Broadwater, bus shelters and activities for Rural Youth
- Continuation of the Arts Programmes started in 2021:
- More than 100 workshops and courses for all ages and abilities - Children, Special needs, Adults and Senior Citizens
- Almost 1,000 places filled
- Many new skills learned and new friends made

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Annual Accounts y/e 31/12/22

These were completed and sent around for perusal and agreement to forward to the Auditors for action, and were subsequently submitted to Charity Commission for NI. We were in a very good position going forward into 2023 and had quite a lot of cash in the accounts.

It was noted that funders might not be very likely to offer grants if we had a large amount in the bank, but we had some major outstanding items of maintenance to sort out:

- to prepare for high maintenance costs expected for all high woodwork at exterior of the hall, which will require scaffolding to be erected to repair and repaint all the high woodwork and also secure and replace/repair where necessary the high guttering. Estimated costs approx. £25,000
- to prepare for higher utility costs over 2023 and higher costs in general in the short to medium term.
- to prepare for replacement of all curtains (including the stage curtain) at the hall to more heat effective ones. Estimated costs approx. £5,000.
- to prepare for repainting the interior rooms over the medium term, no quotes yet
- to replace all the lighting with energy efficient LED versions, no quotes yet.

It was agreed as many of these items as possible to be carried out in 2023.

Composition of the Board and Board Appointment Process

New Trustee

The Chair welcomed Stephen Bann, new committee member who came on board after the AGM. Stephen is a local man and his family live in the area.

Resignation

In December Lewis resigned from the Committee, stepping down after 5 years in the Chair. The Secretary thanked him on behalf of the committee for his time and support of the organisation over the years and wished him well in the future.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

Grants and fundraising this year totalled around £76,000, an increase in around £35,000 from last year, spread between core costs, programme costs and specific projects, all of which has been very gratefully received and have gone a long way to help us return to normal. The Treasurer will refer more to this later.

We closed December in a bit of a sorry state: The Chairman and Treasurer had separately been admitted to hospital, our Cleaner was being treated for cancer and she, the Vice Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary all had Covid.

Overall though we have had a very successful year with the potential for more successes in 2023, when the Village Hall will celebrate 90 years of work in the community.

The major issue we must tackle is:- planning for the future and how we can adapt and change as we need to for the next 90 years. Many of the current committee are 65+ and the remainder are still working, with limited time available to take on more work. We need to try and 'future proof' the work of the hall and to this end we are discussing with Consultants about organising business plans in consultation with the community. This is with a view to attracting funding to help us move into a more secure future.

In conclusion, we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the members of the committee for their unstinting support throughout the year.

TREASURERS REPORT for Y/e 31/12/22 was presented by Chris Buller

The Treasurer thanked everyone attending this rescheduled AGM.

'On your seats you will have a copy of the accounts to year end December 2022. In accordance with current charity legislation, these have been given an unqualified (clean) report issued by Daly Park & Company Ltd.

Grants

The Secretary continues to make grant applications for the proposed Art based programme 22/23, new curtains and equipment, along with helping some groups with their grant applications.

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Grants awarded:-

LCCC Covid recovery	Core -Varying ways to work	Awarded £ 4,500
Nationwide Fdn	Core	Awarded £ 5,000
DfC Covid recovery	Core	Awarded £11,700
Foyle Fdn	Core	Awarded £ 5,000
LCCC Comm Service Grant	Core	Awarded £ 4,510
Enkalon	Taekwondo	Awarded £ 500
LCCC Jubilee Grant	Jubilee Celebrations	Awarded £ 500
Arnold Clark Community Fund	Core	Awarded £ 1,000
Halifax Fdn	Arts Prog - SEN/AgeNI	Awarded £ 3,000
Telecommunity	Arts Prog - SEN/AgeNI	Awarded £ 2,000
The Honourable the Irish Society	-Arts Prog - SEN/AgeNI	Awarded £ 1,000
John Moores Fdn NI	Arts Prog – Children	Awarded £ 5,000
Garfield Weston - Aug	Arts Prog - All	Awarded £ 7,500
Arts Council NI - Aug	Arts Prog - specified	Awarded £ 5,000
CFNI - Older Peoples Fund (Aug22)	Food Parcels 15 mths	Awarded £ 4,700
Awards for All	Arts Prog - All	Awarded £ 9,999
LCCC – Xmas	Christmas event	Awarded £ 1,000
LCCC – Hardship Fund	Hygiene products AgeNI	Awarded £ 1,315
Total awarded so far this year		£73,224

Add to this, total donations of £2,360 and HMRC Gift Aid of £325 and an additional award of £500 from Halifax towards cost of living, that made a grand total raised of just over £76,000.

We also helped raise funds for AgeNI and for Aghalee Taekwondo Club.

We offer a huge thank you to everyone in the local community who has supported us with donations, to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council who put their trust in us and continue to give us so much support through their various programmes, and to all the other Trusts and Agencies who have given us funding this year.

Our specific plans over 2023 for the high level of unrestricted money (approx. £45,000) are:

to prepare for high maintenance costs expected for all high woodwork at exterior of the hall, which will require scaffolding to be erected to repair and repaint all the high woodwork and also secure and replace where necessary the high guttering.

- to prepare for higher utility costs over 2023 and higher costs in general in the short to medium term.
- to prepare for replacement of all curtains at the hall to more heat effective ones.
- to prepare for repainting the interior rooms over the medium term.
- to replace all lights with energy efficient ones.

We will have additional expenditure due to our strategy plans over the next two years, although we hope to attract more funding to help with these.

We would like to continue to run some exciting programmes and to try and bring in some more regular activities.

The Village Hall continues to be in a strong and secure financial position for the next 12 months.'

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ACCOUNTS

David Twigg commented that the Accounts show a remarkable achievement. There were no matters arising. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Lewis Trevithick, seconded by David Twigg and signed.

RETIREMENT OF CURRENT COMMITTEE, NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE.

Before the meeting retired to take nominations to the 2023 committee, the Chairman took the opportunity to mention 3 people:

The first is Alan Collingwood who for the past 7 years has been a Custodial Trustee. Alan is stepping down this year as he has other plans to pursue, and we thank him for his Trusteeship over the past 7 years and much longer as a supporter. We wish him well for the future.

The second is Suzanne Cochrane who has had to step down as a Wag & Bone Dog club representative. The club ceased in 2022 due to the leader's ill health. We would thank Suzanne for her input to the committee and are very pleased she has offered to remain as a volunteer at events.

The third is David Twigg who is retiring from the committee. David has been a committee member over a total of 27 years, 5 during the 1980s and the remainder since 2001. David was Chairman of the committee for a number of years and we wish to thank him most sincerely for his positive attitude, contribution and support to the committee over the past number of years. We wish him well in his retirement.

The Chairman declared all seats vacant and invited Victoria Jackson, Community Development Manager, LCCC to chair the election of the 2023 committee. Victoria recorded her congratulations and admiration to the committee and wider community for supporting the village hall. In particular, Victoria acknowledged the amount of work that is required to be carried out and the responsibility of managing the grants applied for and achieved by the small level of asset currently available to AVH. In conclusion, Victoria said that the Council is very happy to support the Hall.

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Victoria announced nominations from the following Custodial Trustees who had completed 7 years and were invited to stand for a further 7:

Michael Best, John Buller, Mark Campbell, Mandy Clydesdale, Andrea Huff, Katherine Lloyd and Alan McKeown had all confirmed their wish to continue as Custodial Trustees. Alan Collingwood had sent his resignation and Tom Kirk had not replied to our letters – both would be removed as Custodial Trustees. These nominations were proposed by David Twigg and seconded by Lewis Trevithick.

Victoria announced the following nominations from the regular user groups as follows:

Aghalee Taekwondo Club (2)	Michael Beacham and Susan McCavigan
Ballet (1)	Pauline Buller
Ballinderry Badminton Club (2)	Derek Blakely and Bobbie Hamill
Book Club (2)	Kerry Quinn and Fiona Maree
Needlecraft Club (1)	Pat McAdams
SRC Art Class (1)	Lewis Trevithick
Thursday Upholstery Class (2)	Alison Gawith and Anne Miskelly

11 in total therefore allows up to 6 Public Representatives.

These nominations were proposed by Anne Miskelly and seconded by Alison Gawith.

Public Representatives wishing to stand again in 2022 (5)

Matt Hull, Andrea Huff, Walter Robertson, Fernando Gutierrez, Chris Buller.

The Chairman noted that if any more wish to stand, there is one place available OR if more than one should apply, we can co-opt Chris Buller and Fernando Gutierrez as specialist (Finance and IT respectively) to make space for a total of 3 extra. There were no further nominations. These nominations were proposed by Pauline Buller and seconded by Matt Hull.

Specialist volunteers with no committee voting rights

Ruth Macauley as Booking Secretary and Carol Redpath as Safeguarding Officer. The Committee was in agreement.

This concluded all of the 2023 election business. Before handing back to Chairman, Victoria noted that the Good Relations grant is currently open until mid-May.

The Chairman thanked Victoria for her role in the election of the 2022/23 Committee and the Committee acknowledged her continued help and support.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Strategic Document has been included in the pack to take away and consider. Victoria Jackson and an external consultant are helping to complete this project.

With regard to William Redpath's railway exhibition, David Twigg said that this was a fascinating exhibition and was sorry to hear that more donations had not been received for William's work. Pauline Buller confirmed that the option of an entry fee had been discussed with William but that William had decided not to levy one.

Chris Buller asked Victoria Jackson whether a healthy amount of money in the accounts can affect the outcome of grant applications. She said that whilst it will not have a bearing on the Council's grants, it may be a different matter for external funders.

The meeting end at 8 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

After meeting ended Stephen Bann approached the Secretary and asked to be a committee member. Pauline welcomed Stephen and agreed to meet with him at a later date to go through the legal paperwork and induction procedure.

Annual Events 2023

Thanks to the following companies and people for all ballot prizes given for both Country Night and Rock Night. Hannon Transport, Classic Kitchens, Aghalee Centra, Aghalee Taekwondo Club, Linda Hamilton-Harris, Aghalee Building Supplies, Leona Coulter, Trish Rogers, Aghalee Pharmacy, Aghalee Carwash, Pooles Supervalu, Beeches Resource Centre, Active Therapy Dollingstown and various AVH Committee members.

Ballet Exams: The exams went very well and AVH was awarded 'Centre of Excellence' certification.

Coronation Drop in Event: Saturday 6th May – drop in event all day. There was a cost £252 to AVH after a grant of £500 from LCCC. Attendance was poor and sporadic throughout the day, thought due to most people just staying at home to watch.

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Art Exhibition: We held the Annual Art Exhibition on 21st – 23rd April. This was a huge success with some beautiful work being shown. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the weekend and helped to make it such a success. The hall received £260 from the group in donations.

Country Music Night: Saturday 13th May @ 8pm. A profit £180 was made. There was very poor attendance compared to last year, thought due to conflicting external events in Northern Ireland. We decided we would try once more in April 2024 instead of May, maybe on a Friday night which would suit the Hall better.

Summer Solstice Walk: Saturday 24th June @ 6am. Leona Coulter from Walk Aghalee was approached to lead the walk. £195 raised, a small improvement on last year. Huge thanks to Ruth Macauley for cooking the delicious breakfasts. Suggested improvements for 2024 were either a Friday evening walk or later on Saturday morning to attract more participants.

Rock & Pop Night: Sat 7th October 8pm. Within a week of tickets going on sale, only 12 tickets were left and these were quickly snapped up, resulting in a full house of 100 guests. This was another super weekend, with a full house and 3 live bands and guest artists playing. The ballot was also well supported and at the end of the event a total of £1,470 was raised. Many thanks to William Redpath and his bands and guest artists along with Renegade Kings for their support and all of them playing free of charge.

Craft Fair: This had to be rescheduled to Friday 24th November 5pm – 10pm. This was successful and apart from the booking fee from the organiser, the AVH table made £160. Thanks to Susan and Pauline for jam and other items, and Abigail Lloyd (8), who made bracelets for sale, for donating 1/3 of her sales to hall funds.

Christmas Event: Thurs/Fri/Sat 7th- 9th December. Thursday was the lighting up event for the community and the Friday and Saturday booked Santa visits.

The 3 local partner school choirs were invited to sing; Ballinderry Primary, Rowandale Integrated Primary and St Patrick's Primary. A grant of £1,000 from LCCC was available to help with costs. Any shortfall could be met from donations at the events or the hall's fundraising events through the year.

The Thursday night event went very well indeed. The Santa bookings also went very well with a total of £357.81 being donated, up on 2022 by £96.46. Between the choir children and Santa visits we gave out 174 selection boxes and saw more than 55 families. There were a few boxes left and these were donated to Food bank Moira. Improvements for 2024 include having alternative parking sorted out in good time, addressing 'no show' booking to see Santa, and break down arrangements, which were affected this year due to committee illnesses.

Carols & Cake: planned for Friday 15th or Saturday 16th December but unfortunately, the organiser was unable to organise this year.

90th Anniversary

The Hall was 90 years old in September 2023. The last significant anniversary celebrated was in 2018, the 85th anniversary, when we had a photograph taken.

It was decided to celebrate by running the rescheduled Afternoon Tea event along with pictures of old Aghalee and excerpts from the old minute books along with info about different activities through the decades. The Art group was invited to show paintings. A request for photos went out on social media and a good number were received which were then added to over 100 old photos donated by Soldierstown Church from their stash celebrating their Heritage project. Over 40 tickets were sold for the event, which was a tremendous success with a total of £540 being raised after expenses. Everyone really enjoyed their afternoon with a delicious handmade afternoon tea, made entirely by Fiona Maree of the committee.

The 90th anniversary table with minute book from the first days in 1933 along with the opening photograph, a short history and 2 booklets of the old village pictures, which we had bound, also proved very popular.



Picture of the opening of the hall in 1933 plus the original minute book

A huge thank you to Fiona for masterminding and baking and making everything (it was all delicious) for the event and thanks also to those who helped in any way

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Pictures from an Exhibition

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90th Celebrations
– 2 ladies both the
same age as the
hall, renewed
acquaintances
again



Coronation Day event



Coronation Day Event

6th May 2023
from 9.30am

Drop in during the day and
watch
the ceremony on the big
screen

Complimentary refreshments
Enjoy some cake and a cuppa

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Some Solstice Walkers



The Craft Fair



Rock & Pop Night



Rowandale Integrated
Primary School Choir

A visit to Santa



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Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 24 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £296,116 (2022 - £306,829) and liabilities of £1,640 (2022 - £1,400). The net assets of the company have decreased by £(10,953).

The Future of AVH

In January we started discussing the future for the hall. We resolved to try and engage the community further in our programmes and to think about the future and creating a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years. We met with the Community Development Officer from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and McGarry Consultants, to discuss how the Committee could plan for future proofing and safeguarding Aghalee Village Hall.

The purpose this first meeting was to discuss/agree bringing in a Consultant with the Community Development Officer's assistance and to discuss possible funding. There was Dormant Account funding available at this time, with up to £100K available for a 3 year project.

The project should be focussed on strategic development, future-proofing and building sustainability.

At this stage the Consultant's remit would include:

Objectively reviewing the situation that AVH finds itself in; this may include running a consultation with committee and obtaining user feedback;

Taking the lead on the project and supporting the committee to make any agreed changes with regards to the future of the Hall.

The Consultant might recommend action such as: raising the profile of current Hall programmes and activities, surveying the community, assessing volunteer recruitment, analysing how Hall provision can be delivered, and building community support. One recommendation may be to employ a Centre Manager/Administrator (with the assistance of a grant). Other options would also have to be considered.

We discussed methods of community engagement and volunteer recruitment, including a focus on existing committee skills and those that are desirable such as youth work, legal, building maintenance etc. We felt that youth participation in the Hall was very low. Another view was that programme leaders need not be involved with the committee/running of the Hall. It may be that a few small subgroups/committees are required with different purposes. We wondered if the current Constitution was still appropriate. We would like to see management models that other community groups have used.

A Strategic Plan was drawn up and a powerpoint version included with the AGM to summarise the future plans of the Hall. The Dormant Fund application of £50K over 2 years, seeking funds for a Hall Development Manager recruited for a 2-year buffer period (20 hours/week, £33K over 2 years, includes national insurance payments, Consultant fees of £12K professional fees for 2 years plus £2K recruitment and training, £1K volunteer expenses and £2K digital and IT.

The Committee agreed to engage the consultancy service for some stages of the project and to make an application to the Dormant Accounts Fund.

In April we received formal notification that Dormant Accounts Fund would not be funding.

By July we had met and set out some actions that we split into easy, more difficult and what else we might require funding support to help us with.

Actions/Project - CAN DO FAIRLY EASILY

Review current hire rates and increase these if required to take into account the rise in cost of living and the need to increase revenue/income – HAVE DONE

Develop fund-raising policy – TO BE REVIEWED

Included in the above is the need also to cost out the financial requirement to pay for any Consultancy fees involved for the next months – SEEK FUNDING FOR FIVE DAYS FEES OVER NEXT 12 MONTHS – HAVE DONE AND BEEN AWARDED

Carry out a skills audit with current committee and from this work out what is required by way of additional skills and recruit new or additional committee members or voluntary advisors accordingly, using other agencies to assist if required. This to help lessen the burden or work. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEED TO BUY INTO THIS FOR IT TO BE OF HELP

Consider seeking volunteers for smaller / short-term project elements. REVIEW PROJECTS AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DEALT WITH IN THIS WAY

Review the different roles of committee members for good governance as well as for day-to-day volunteer roles – REVIEW – CONSIDER DEPUTIES FOR POSTS

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MORE DIFFICULT

Look at the possibility of creation of what is essentially a business plan for the next 3-5 years with operational annual plans towards this.

Break the Strategic plan into shorter term activities achievable in a time limited way.

Funding required

Look at applications to People & Communities Lottery Funding for longer term Programme funding. THIS IS DONE – COSTINGS ALREADY DONE FOR ONE YEAR x 3 FOR 3 YEARS

Consider what could be applied for under Awards for All. Look at funding to pay Consultants. APPROVED - £5,000 AWARDED

Look at applications to Heritage Lottery Funding with regard to Strategy / resilience plans as well as any heritage storytelling or other programme activity. TO BE INVESTIGATED IN DUE COURSE

We then paused to regroup and think about our next plans. We determined to carry out a community audit in January 2024 to start the process again to look to the future for the hall. In this we will be asking what people would like to see happening at the Hall, as well as opinions requested from each group/workshop using the hall.

Heritage Lottery might be of use to fund these plans as the Hall is very much part of the village heritage. We were awarded £5,000 in December from Awards for All, for consultant fees (10 days x £500/day) towards further help with moving this project forward.

The key priorities are as follows:

- Planning for 2023/24

At the first committee meeting of the management trustees after AGM, the following officers and other posts were appointed and elected. All are on a voluntary basis and training is given if required. If we cannot appoint from within the committee, interested parties can be co-opted into post.

Members of the committee are encouraged to consider taking on a post in order to help the committee function properly and to take pressure off individuals.

Legal Officers for next 3 years

Posts: Chairperson - Lewis Trevithick, Vice-Chairperson - Matt Hull, Secretary - Pauline Buller, Treasurer - Chris Buller

Others if possible:

Marketing & Publicity, including Website and social media - Fiona Maree and Peter Rusk, I.T. - Fernando Gutierrez, Booking Secretary - Ruth Macauley, Safeguarding - Carol Redpath, Courses -Pauline Buller, Events - All are required, H&S - Pauline has agreed in the interim but someone else needs to be found, Maintenance Cttee - Matt, Chris, Lewis, Fernando and others as required.

Legal cheque signatories

Lewis Trevithick, Matt Hull, Chris Buller and Anne Miskelly are all to continue - any 2 of 4.

Future Activities Programme 2024 – 2026

We met with The Big Lottery on 13th September and were invited to make an application to People and Communities for a 3 year grant up to £60,000 for programming. They suggested we change name from Arts programme to Activities programme as it was more appropriate for the funding stream. The application to Peoples in Communities (Lottery), £58K over 3 years was postponed due to committee illness but the Lottery will be in touch in January 2024 for a possible March submission if we wish to continue. This will be for 3 years funding to support a continuing activities.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Aghalee Village Hall subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

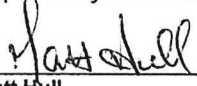
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Public Benefit

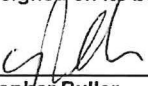
The charity has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21st February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Matt Hull
Trustee



Christopher Buller
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company and otherwise comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

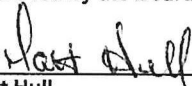
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

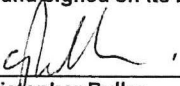
The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21st February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Matt Hull
Trustee



Christopher Buller
Trustee

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Annual return

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AGHALEE VILLAGE HALL

We have examined the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this 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 work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The company's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The company's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is required.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

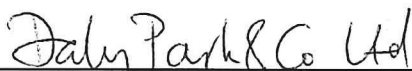
We have examined your company financial statements as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the 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 statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the 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 (FRS102)
- there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 21st February 2024