

North Coast Community Transport
Company limited by guarantee

Company information

Trustees	Ken McCaughey Andrea Elkin Frances Boyd Francis Dick
Secretary	Andrea Elkin
Senior Management	William Moore Emma Mullan
Company number	NI38840
Principal and Registered office	Ivan Wilson Complex 277 Dunhill Road Coleraine Co Londonderry BT51 3QJ
Auditors	MKP Accountants Ltd, Statutory Auditor 42A-44A New Row Coleraine BT52 1AF
Bankers	First Trust Crescent Link Retail Park Unit 20 Londonderry BT47 6SA

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**Trustees' Report (Including Directors Report)
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The information with respect to trustees, directors, officers and advisers set out on the information page, forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their annual accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), The Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

Objectives and Activities

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The principal activity of the company is to provide an affordable and accessible transport service to the rural community in the North Coast area and to support and compliment other organisations involved in community development initiatives.

North Coast Community Transport (NCCT) provides relief to those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage through the provision of community led access solutions in the North Coast area. NCCT meets our charitable purposes through the provision of wholly charitable transport solutions for beneficiaries who are unable to access conventional public or private transport because of age, rural location, mobility issues and poverty. Beneficiaries include people who are: elderly, poor, disabled, people with young children, or those living in isolated areas and for community organisations, where there are no adequate public transport facilities.

NCCT secures grants and donations to support provision of subsidised transport for beneficiaries. NCCT delivers services using community minibuses and volunteer car drivers. NCCT provides information to enable people to avail of various means of travel to enable access to local services, working in partnership with other transport providers to ensure alternatives and linkages to other services.

Achievements and Performance

The year 2024/25 has been a busy one with the various services growing steadily. The Dial-a-lift trips increased by almost 1000 additional trip on the previous year and over all services trips increased by 18,324. With the Wheels2Wellbeing service finishing in July 2025, we were delighted to report that we exceeded the target for trip delivery for the duration of the project. The evaluation of this project was significant in highlighting the need for the service within the community and formulating data that can be presented to government officials. We have recruited an additional 4 new minibus drivers also to assist with the delivery of our services and we are continuing to grow our volunteers this year.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 10 of the financial statements.

The principal funder of the charity is the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund. During the period ended 31st March 2025, incoming resources includes grant income of £387,692 from the Rural Transport Fund.

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The amount received from Department for Infrastructure in respect of the assisted rural transport scheme was £113,124. During the year the company also received funding of £420,028 from Motability and the majority of this funding was expended on the purchase of new vehicles. Grant funding of £64,550 was received from National Lottery in respect of the Wheels 2 Wellbeing project and funding of £131,878 was received from Disability Action.

All grant funding has been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with the terms and conditions of grant.

Reserves policy

The charity's policy on restricted funds is to separately record donations, grants and other sources of fundraising where restrictions are imposed that are narrower than the charity's overall objectives.

The trustees have reviewed the charity's requirements for reserves in conjunction with their analysis of the main risks for the company. At 31st March 2025 the charity held reserves of £1,651,270 of which £804,152 were restricted funds. They have established a reserves policy which states that the unrestricted funds not invested in Fixed Assets need to be sufficient to cover 6 months of core annual running costs and be sufficient to cover redundancy costs and vehicle commitments. This equates to approximately £1,076,583 in general funds. At this level, the trustees consider that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the short term in the event of a significant drop in income. It would also be necessary to consider how that income would be replaced. At the balance sheet date free reserves, which amount to £720,446 do not exceed the minimum target amount.

Plans for the future

NCCT and the other RCTP's continue to fight for multi-year ring fenced funding and this will remain as a priority for all with continuous lobbying and entreating government officials. Thankfully, for the year 2025/26, the Dial-a-lift funding was increased to reflect the projected delivery capacity and so it will be the plan for the incoming year to ensure this target is met fully.

The funding from the Community Lottery Fund for our Wheels2Wellbeing service ended in July 2025, however, to our delight a similar service under Motability will be funded to assist with a similar project focused on primarily on assisting individuals to hospital appointments. As we continue to deliver huge amounts of health-related trips with no financial support or contribution we will focus heavily still on lobbying to Health officials for support. NCCT plan to continue to deliver remarkable services to members at the highest capacity possible on the allocated funding.

Our Group Motability project has been in service since February 2024 and we plan to continue to grow and develop this project to its full potential to the benefit of all our disabled members and develop the valued relationship they hold with this funder.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational structure

North Coast Community Transport is a company limited by guarantee and recognised as a charity by Inland Revenue. In terms of company law, charity law and day to day activities, the company is an independent entity. The trustees meet regularly to direct the operations of the charity. The charity had 37 employees at March 31st 2025.

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Governance

During the period under review the trustees met approximately every eight weeks. A panel comprised of existing trustees selects members for the board. Trustees serve for a one year period and may be re-elected for further one year periods. The trustees who served during the period to March 31st 2025 are listed on the information page.

Risk Management

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to manage those risks.

Reference and administration details

North Coast Community Transport, is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on June 20th 2000. It is registered with the Companies Registrar under registration number NI38840. It is also recognised as a charity by the Inland Revenue, XR58093 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under reference NI100411. The trustees and secretary of the charity are listed on the information page. The principal and registered office of the charity is also listed on the information page together with details of the professional advisors and bankers.

Changes in fixed assets

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Taxation

As a charity the company is not liable for corporation tax on its other income or on capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in respect of the annual report and the financial statements

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and that help ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each of the trustees in office at the date of approval of these financial statements is aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees/directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that MKP Accountants Ltd be re-appointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 17th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Ken McCaughey
Director**