

# BIRCHES ACTION RURAL NETWORK

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100463

## Details

|            |                                                                              |
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| Known as   | BARN                                                                         |
| Status     | Received                                                                     |
| Registered | 2015-06-04                                                                   |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a> |

## Contact

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|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Address | 54A Derryane Road<br>Dungannon<br>County Tyrone.<br>Bt71 6pd<br>BT71 6PD |
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## Activities

**Purposes:** The objects of BARN shall be: To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Birches areas without distinction of political, opinion, religious belief, disability, gender, race, age, sexual orientation, those with marital status and family status, or other opinion, by engaging in and organising community activities and projects with the object of improving the quality of life of said inhabitants.

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

**How the charity works:** Community development,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Heritage/historical,Rural development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds),Community safety/crime prevention,General public,Men,Older people,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £4,877 | £4,321      | £0     | 0         |

## Trustees

| Name                    | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|
| Miss Niamh-Anne McNally |      |           |
| Mr Feargal McNally      |      |           |
| Mr Ivan Mckeown         |      |           |
| Mr Joe Mcaleer          |      |           |
| Mr Keith Stanfield      |      |           |
| Mr Victor Swain         |      |           |
| Mrs Edith Stevenson     |      |           |
| Mrs Emma Doyle          |      |           |
| Mrs Mary Stafford       |      |           |
| Mrs Yvonne Woods        |      |           |

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# Accounts

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO: NIC 100463**

Birches Action Rural Network  
 2 Clonmakate Rd, Portadown Co. Armagh BT62 1LR

|          |                             |         |          |                                          |         |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------------------|---------|
| 01/04/23 | Balance @ Bank              | 1139.50 | 17/10/23 | DFI - Rent 1/7/23 - 30/06/24             | 860.00  |
| 26/09/23 | Coffee morning & boot sale  | 970.00  | 24/10/23 | TL Dallas - Insurance 25/9/23 - 24/09/24 | 674.57  |
| 05/10/23 | Cosy Club/Day Care 1/2 rent | 430.00  | 02/01/24 | Northtech - Fire alarm maintenance       | 163.20  |
| 16/01/24 | SLNRA - Hire of rooms       | 100.00  | 22/03/24 | R Willis - Food Hygiene Course           | 100.00  |
| 06/03/24 |                             |         | 31/03/24 | Balance at bank                          | 841.73  |
|          |                             | 2639.50 |          |                                          | 2639.50 |

Prepared by Y Woods 15/04/2024

*Carol Lytle*  
 CAROL WYLLIE  
 22/4/24

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# Annual report

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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2023 – MARCH 2024

We have had quite a busy year in BARN this year. Firstly, we started our year off with a very successful coffee morning and raffle on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. This was well attended by the folks in the community and the ladies were kept very busy in the kitchen. A huge thank you was extended to all the local businesses that very kindly donated prizes to our raffle.

After a lot of lobbying by councillors and residents alike – we were delighted that the Clonmakate road was eventually re-surfaced in June. This was very much needed.

We were just over the moon to be able to send congratulations to Cllr Julie Flaherty on being awarded the BEM in the Kings Birthday Honours List for her services to the NI Children's funeral fund. Julie has worked tirelessly on this from 2018 and got Stormont to introduce this fund after a lot of heart-breaking work.

Coming close to Christmas time – we hosted our first wreath making class on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. What a response we had, and Paul came along to show us how it was done. A fantastic night was had by all and a promise we would do the same next year. Another Christmas event that we held for the first time was 'A night with Mrs Claus' for all the kids who were encouraged to come along in their PJ's. This was on a booking system, and Mrs Claus read a bedtime story, sand and signed Makaton, and all the children got a hot chocolate and cookies. This was a great success.

During the year we also had classes running – these included our usually Yoga sessions, a Self Defence Workshop and a men's group monthly meeting. We also held a BASIC food hygiene course on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and this was fully booked in no time. Everyone was very studious and all received their certificates. Well done everyone....

In March we held a Farm Safety Course, and again this was well received. Given the increasing number of farming related accidents – this was a much needed event. Our farmers came out to hear David from HSE gave lots of useful information, tips and suggestions for staying safe on our farms. Also in attendance were the PSNI and PCP who also gave us food for thought.

We attended the Peatlands Playgroup tractor run and vintage rally in Peatlands Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> March – and we had a stall selling prize squares for our Easter hamper. This was a great fun day out, although it was quite chilly!

We still continue to do regular clean ups around the area – but it is an ongoing issue with littering in the area. More so – with the fly tipping of tyres – which is a lot harder to deal with.

We will strive to improve our lovely wee area in whatever way we can.

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of B.A.R.N.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

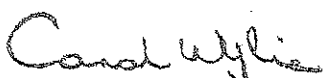
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Name: CAROL WYLIE

Relevant professional qualification or body: Independent Examiner

Address: 3 Sandhill Park, Lurgan, Co. Armagh BT66 7AX

Date: 24.04.24

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| 01/04/22 | Balance @ Bank                            | 236.06         | 01/05/22 | North Tech - Alarm service            | 144.00         |
| 28/04/22 | Honest Yoga Donation (use of room)        | 300.00         | 06/10/22 | DFI - Rent 1/7/22-30/06/23            | 860.00         |
| 20/09/22 | Birches Cosy Club - 1/2 rent              | 430.00         | 25/10/22 | North Tech - Alarm service            | 158.40         |
| 22/09/22 | Loan - (to cover costs) R&Y Woods         | 300.00         | 25/10/22 | North Tech - Replace batteries        | 36.48          |
| 30/10/22 | Loan - (to cover costs) R&Y Woods         | 600.00         | 15/11/22 | TL Dallas Insurance 25/9/22 -24/09/23 | 647.68         |
| 24/02/23 | ABC Council Revenue grant (running costs) | 1120.00        | 31/03/22 | Balance @ Bank                        | 1139.50        |
|          |                                           | <u>2986.06</u> |          |                                       | <u>2986.06</u> |

Prepared by Y Woods 28/04/2023

*Carol Wylie*

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This was just quite the year! We have been so busy with events and meetings.

First, sad to say – war had broken out in the Ukraine in March. Our Treasurer Yvonne, on hearing the news, decided we could help in some small way. Suddenly, we had arranged for our mobile to be open for 3 nights to receive goods that were urgently needed for the displaced women and children who were fleeing literally for their lives. F3 and CHC (where Yvonne works) donated medical and pharmaceutical supplies and a local toy store also made a substantial donation of toys to this appeal as well. This shipment of goods was going to Poland – and we were overwhelmed by the response we got. Not only that but we made some great friends who came along and helped us to collate the shipment, as everything had to be in order to pass customs borders on route.

In May we held a big clean up to tidy up the area. This was especially concentrating on the loads of tyres that are continually being dumped in our hedges around the Birches. These are obviously coming from businesses that won't pay for the disposal of used tyres, and it is causing us a headache.

Neighbourhood watch is very active in the area – and our social media is being used regularly to warn folks if there is anything suspicious around about.

Chris held meetings in our mobile and got together with parents and children of both local primary schools, to arrange a plant sale in Peatlands Park to encourage people to help butterflies and bees and help the eco system. This was set up as a business challenge and had a competition for boys versus girls. This was a great success.

In September the Chill Cart visited Birchwood Grange for a couple of hours to enable the young people to drop in and see what all was involved. There was gaming, DJ music and VR. This was to help the young folk to chill out and look after their mental health.

Our usual classes continued to run – yoga, cozy club, and day care. This is an invaluable facility for our community.

Thank you to all volunteers for their continued hard work – and special welcome to our 2 new committee members at our AGM, who we recruited from our Ukraine appeal. Looking forward to working with you.





BARN's post



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Posted by Yvonne Woods  
5 Mar 2022 · 🌐

For our Ukrainian humanitarian collection - A massive thank you to each and everyone of you who donated, sorted, packed, boxed, carried, made inventories and kept the paperwork in order. Not forgetting the tea makers who kept us all going.. I know at one stage we thought it would never be done - but you were all amazing. Friends of the Birches, BARN, Milltown Parish Church and all from the community - we thank you.. And to Nigel and his able team in the vans who took it all away for us.. we are so grateful to you all. Lets hope our small act of kindness can help those in need. Ukraine - we stand with you. 🇺🇦

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