

Ballymoney Evergreen Club

Trustees' Annual Report

Statement of Payments & Receipts

Assets & Liabilities

for the Year ended 31 March 2025

Charities Number: NIC100522

Ballymoney Evergreen Club
Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustee's Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for Ballymoney Evergreen Club for the year ended 31 March 2025.

References and Administrative Details

Charity Name:	Ballymoney Evergreen Club
Charity Registration Number:	NIC100522
Principle Address/Registered Office:	20 Postboys Walk Ballymoney County Antrim BT53 6DA

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Chairperson:	Isobel Fleming
Secretary:	Elizabeth Morrison
Treasurer:	Isobel Dunlop
Committee Members:	Isobel Fleming, Elizabeth Morrison, Isobel Dunlop, Gwendoline Poots, Doreen Rice, Dorothy McCaughey, Josephine Given

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Objectives & Activities

The Ballymoney Evergreen Club was formed in 1956 providing a valuable service to the local community in Ballymoney and the surrounding area.

In relation to all of the purposes of the Ballymoney Evergreen Club, the direct benefits do include, the advancement of social welfare through the advancement of education and the preservation of health and recreation. The enhancement of the physical and mental health of senior citizen members of the Club and improving overall conditions of life for said members. The Ballymoney Evergreen Club will facilitate these benefits through the development of structured programmes that will address health and well-being and providing a better quality of life for all members concerned, this is also achieved by providing educational talks, workshops and best practice visits to enable the committee to improve the programme of activities available to members. The Ballymoney Evergreen Club works closely with other local voluntary and networking organisations to help address issues such as social and rural isolation, community involvement particularly for older people. The Charity continues to develop and explore opportunities for intergenerational activities that will be beneficial to all concerned, in addition, the Ballymoney Evergreen Club will reach out to the wider community in a common effort to tackle loneliness and associated problems. In relation to all of the above the beneficiaries of the Ballymoney Evergreen Club reside mostly in the Ballymoney Borough Council area. Other beneficiaries come from Moyle and Coleraine Council areas. Membership has grown since September 2013. The activities of the Ballymoney Evergreen Club are contributing to increasing opportunities for both community integration and participation, as many of these activities are open to the public. No connected person gains a private benefit which is more than incidental to carrying out the purposes.

The committee manages the day-to-day running of the Charity and provides feedback from the members to the Trustees. The Trustees also act as fundraisers by seeking grants or organising local activities supported by the community to ensure that the Evergreen Club can continue to survive into the future, continuing to provide a much needed support network for the local community.

Achievements & Performance

The group invites a variety of guest speakers from a range of voluntary and statutory agencies to address members on issues such as fuel poverty, benefit entitlement, warmer homes, home accident prevention and community safety etc. Members are offered the opportunity to attend courses ranging from computer skills, crafts, dancing, and team games (such as skittles and boccia). All of which enhance physical and mental well-being of

the members. The group also invites a range of specialist guests to provide information on health related matters. Members of the group avail of a number of social activities over the course of the year including a range of cultural and historical related study visits. The group also participates in a number of workshops, conferences and forums which contribute to building positive community relations and the reduction of social isolation.

Activities during the year included trips, we provided members with the opportunity to attend a mystery tour of Larne, then a coastal journey this trip was attended by 60 members. Members also benefited from a half day outing to Dobbies Garden Centre and a stop in Antrim town, this trip was attended by 60 members. 36 members had the opportunity to participate in a 5 day coach holiday to Scotland. There was also a Summer outing in July to Newtownards and a celebration dinner this was attended by 68 members. Lastly there was a members holiday in October to Donegal for 2 nights, this trip was attended by 26 members. Trips and outings offer valuable opportunities to stay socially connected, mentally stimulated, and physically active. They help reduce isolation, boost wellbeing and confidence, and encourage lifelong learning through new experiences. Taking part in trips also supports independence, creates a sense of enjoyment and purpose, and strengthens friendships within the group, contributing to overall health and quality of life.

Over the winter months, the Evergreen Club facilitated 7 dances (planned 8 dances, 1 cancelled due to bad weather, which were fundraisers for the purposes of the charity and the fund towards the renovations of the Evergreen Hall, a total of £2,486.90 was raised through these dances. There was also a raffle held at one of our celebration dinners, this raised a total of £426.00.

The benefits can be measured by the number of members attending the meetings and activities; and by the attitudes and levels of satisfaction expressed by the members. The Evergreen Club meet every Friday afternoon from the beginning of September to middle of June, which may include; talks, activities & workshops. On average each Friday, we would have between 60-65 members attending. During the year we welcomed 12 new members to our club, we did this by word of mouth and encouragement, displaying posters in local premises, we are continuously working to increase our membership and ensure our activities is relevant.

Grants/Funding Awarded

Lottery Fund: May 2022- Awarded £9,871 - payment received June 2022 - Returned £9,871 August 2023 which was for the Hall's new kitchen, but repairs to the Hall were behind and unable to install the new kitchen at this stage.

Garfield & Weston: April 2024 - Awarded £25,000.00 - payment received 27.04.24 - available until December 2025

Lottery Commission Grant Fund: July 2024 - Awarded £19,905 - received payment 02.08.24- available until July 2026

Ulster Garden Village Ltd: March 2022 - Awarded £50,000 - available until December 2025

Ulster Wildlife Trust: (Landfill Community Fund): January 2024 - Awarded £15,000 - available until December 2025

Compliance with 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.

Financial Review

Over the summer of 2025, it was decided and agreed upon by the Board of Trustees, that the charity will continue to provide charitable help, support and activities to its members. Additionally, it will commence its long-standing objective to carry out maintenance on its newly acquired hall to provide a permanent safe and disability accessible location to hold its activities for its members.

Total income in the year was £88,264.57 (2023: £78,723.23) of which £80,113.11 (2023: £78,723.23), related to funding projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure in the year was £51,094.70 (2023: £66,670.78) leaving a surplus for the year of £37,169.87 (2023: £12,052.45).

At 31 March 2025, the charitable reserves stood at £288,853.89 (2023: £101,684.02) of which £133,848 (2023: £101,684.02) represented restricted funds. This current charitable reserves figure includes the Property asset acquired on 12/08/2021, which was not included in the previous year's accounts.


Charitable Purposes

Structure, Governance and Management

Ballymoney Evergreen Club is a Registered Charity and is governed by the terms of its constitution, which was adopted by the membership on 25 November 2014. Ballymoney Evergreen Club is registered with the Charity Commission and is placed on the Northern Ireland register of charities from 25 November 2014.


The objectives and activities of the Charity are administered by a Management Committee, which shall consist of not less than five or more than twelve members, which includes the three honorary officers being Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The members are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is normally held no later than 30 June each year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Isobel Dunlop (Jan 27, 2026 15:08:53 GMT)

Isobel Dunlop
Treasurer

Date: 27/01/2026


Elizabeth Morrison (Jan 27, 2026 12:24:49 GMT)

Elizabeth Morrison
Secretary

Date: 27/01/2026

Independent examiner's report to the charity

Trustees of Ballymoney Evergreen Club

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of 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 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, following the directions of the relevant professional qualification or body and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found other matters that require drawing to your attention, which are listed in the Notes to the Financial Statements. These matters have been dealt with while completing these accounts.

Signed: *Jane Leslie*

Date: 13/01/2026

Name: Dr Jane Leslie PhD Bsc (Hons) FCPA AAIA

Statement of Payments & Receipts for Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
<u>Receipts</u>			
Grants/Funding	-	43,115.00	43,115.00
Donations	-	6,539.00	6,539.00
Memberships	2,115.00	-	2,115.00
Weekly dues	4,830.77	-	4,830.77
Fundraising	-	7,577.11	7,577.11
Bank Interest	1,205.69	-	1,205.69
Trips/Outings	-	22,882.00	22,882.00
Total Receipts	8,151.46	80,113.11	88,264.57
<u>Payments</u>			
Room Hire	-	2,527.50	2,527.50
Food & Raffle	-	4,350.65	4,350.65
Insurance	1,089.12	-	1,089.12
Repairs	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Member events	-	2,574.98	2,574.98
Professional Memberships	135.00	-	135.00
Donations	-	460.00	460.00
Resources & Consumables	207.45	-	207.45
Trips/Outings	-	33,726.00	33,726.00
Professional Fees	-	2,810.00	2,810.00
Legal/Professional Fees	1,680.00	-	1,680.00
Companies House	34.00	-	34.00
Total Payments	3,145.57	47,949.13	51,094.70
<u>Net receipts/(payments)</u>	5,005.89	32,163.98	37,169.87


Statement of Assets & Liabilities for Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Brought forward	Total 2025
<u>Total Funds Reconciliation</u>				
Cash at Bank & In Hand 31.03.24	-	-	101,684.02	101,684.02
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	6,685.89	32,163.98	-	38,849.87
Total Cash at Bank & In hand 31.03.25	6,685.89	32,163.98	101,684.02	140,533.89
<u>Bank & Cash Balances</u>				
No 1 Bank Account 31.03.24	-	-	10,003.51	-
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31.03.25	-	8,213.51	10,003.51	18,217.02
<u>Bank & Cash Balances</u>				
No 2 Bank Account 31.03.24	-	-	86,678.61	-
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31.03.25	-	35,636.38	86,678.61	122,314.99
<u>Bank & Cash Balances</u>				
No 3 Bank Account 31.03.24	-	-	3,825.97	-
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31.03.25	1.88	-	-	1.88
<u>Bank & Cash Balances</u>				
No 4 Bank Account 31.03.24	-	-	1,175.93	-
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31.03.25 (CLOSED)	-	-	-	NIL
<u>Other Assets</u>				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
12 Edward Street, Ballymoney 12/08/21	-	-	150,000.00	-
Total Assets at 31.03.25	-	-	150,000.00	150,000.00
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Creditors	(1,680.00)	-	-	(1,680.00)
Total Liabilities at 31.03.25	(1,680.00)	-	-	(1,680.00)
Fund balances brought forward	-	-	101,684.02	101,684.02
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	5005.89	32,163.98	-	37,169.87
Property Asset	-	-	150,000.00	150,000.00
Fund balances carried forward	-	-	-	288,853.89

Approved by the trustees on 16 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:


Isobel Dunlop (Jan 27, 2026 15:08:53 GMT)

Isobel Dunlop
Treasurer


Elizabeth Morrison (Jan 27, 2026 12:24:49 GMT)

Elizabeth Morrison
Secretary

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Set out below are the principle accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

(a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash basis. It is noted that the Charity should amend the record keeping in regards to Restricted and Non-Restricted Funds to provide a clearer reporting system; a Good Practice Guide has been provided and adopted.

(b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Ballymoney Evergreen Club acquired the premises of 12 Edward Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JE; from Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA) on 12th August 2021 by means of Deed of Retirement. This information was omitted from previous accounting years. On 15th October 2025, the above premises was assessed via an Independent Valuation Report with a Market Value of £150,000.

Liabilities were accrued during Year ended 31 March 2025.

2. Other Material Information

The Evergreen Community Centre Ltd (NI708840) was incorporated on 22nd January 2024 as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee without Share Capital. The Directors and Persons with Significant Control are the Trustees of the Ballymoney Evergreen Club Charity. The Ballymoney Evergreen Club was advised to set up this entity with the sole intention as a means of managing the day to day maintenance and running of the building at 12 Edward Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JE. The first accounting period for Year ended 31st January 2025 is currently standing as Dormant. This information was omitted from previous accounting years.

It has been identified that the submitted Accounts and Reports from previous years are inadequate. This has been discussed with the NI Charity Commission and Trustees, guidance provided and amendments made during this reporting period.