

Belfast Activity Centre

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, 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 Belfast Activity Centre present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2025.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 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.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Based on the Memorandum and Articles of Association accepted by Companies House, Belfast on 17 September 2010 for the incorporation of Belfast Activity Centre as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee (Company No. NI604474).

First registered as a charity for tax purposes with HM Revenue and Customs in 1990, Charity registration No. XN82053 and reaffirmed on 17 September 2010.

Registered as a charity with the Northern Ireland Charity Commissioner, registration on 12 January 2015, Charity Registration No. NIC101347.

Governance

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

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 10 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £706,568 (2024 - £658,057) and liabilities of £213,998 (2024 - £109,492). The net assets of the charity have decreased by £(55,995).

Reserves Position and Policy

The Board of Directors / Trustees of Belfast Activity Centre will endeavour to accumulate reserves which amount to six months full running costs of the centre. The Board believe this to be an acceptable reserve and contingency. If the Charity was fortunate enough to reach this amount of reserve, the Board would table a discussion as to how funds could be expended or invested, in-line with the work of the charity.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Risk Management is a high priority in the work of the centre. Physical Risk is monitored daily due to the nature of outdoor activities. All staff are provided with training in risk management and the Centre has a Health and Safety Advisory Committee of independent advisors who meet quarterly.

The BAC Board are tasked with the Governance of the Centre. The Board carries out regular management analysis on all aspects of the Centre's work.

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Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Mr Thomas Scott
Mr Ian Douglas
Ms Sarah Pamela Ballantine
Ms Claire Maria McNicholl (Resigned 18 November 2024)
Mr Lewis William Graham Given
Mr Scott Hamilton
Mr Robbie Milliken

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Belfast Activity Centre subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

BAC would like to take this opportunity to thank all its funders and supporters over the past year.

The Auditors

The auditors, McCleary & Company Ltd (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Thomas Scott
Trustee



Robbie Milliken
Trustee