

# Northern Ireland Cross Community Angling

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100706

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-02-02

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** Northern Ireland Cross Community Angling has been established to support the preservation of fish life, the encouragement of angling as a sport through a series of programmes, activities and events and to bring people together in a positive environment through which they can form lasting relationships and gain experiences which can improve other aspects of their lives such as mental health and wellbeing, social wellbeing and education.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

**How the charity works:** Community development, Counselling/support, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Disability, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Gender, Medical/health/sickness, Rural development, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Asylum seekers/refugees, Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), Community safety/crime prevention, Ethnic minorities, Ex-offenders and prisoners, General public, Homelessness, Interface communities, Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Specific areas of deprivation, Unemployed/low income, Victim support, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-02	£20,289	£16,476	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Sloan		
Mr Stephen Gibson		
Mr Trevor Moore		

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# Accounts

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## Treasurers Report for February 2024- February 2025

Another busy and successful year for the charity and a quick count shows we had just over 2000 individual booking registrations meaning just about 170 anglers per month. I think this also justifies our subscription limit staying roughly between 125 and 130 with currently no plans to register anymore numbers this year. We did put out a new waiting list link registration link this year but out of all that applied none said they would be taking part in projects so we will keep that list on record and only dip back in should we drop in numbers. We do make it clear now on initial contact that this is not a "Fishing club" but rather an angling hub charity and participation is desirable.

For this financial year it was my first at taking on the new position of treasurer and quite a lot to learn in the first few months as we have an active deposit/debit account with Barclays which requires quite a bit of recording. My method is to examine the monthly bank account which I then transfer onto a rolling spreadsheet which details all spend and income into basic groupings. No large spends are also authorised unless agreed by all 3 of the Trustees. This allowed for me to easily complete the final year accounts and send them off to auditor quite early this year and he was very happy with the amount of detail I had sent. We received his letter of confirmation which we can now submit to charity commission with confidence.

In regard to pricing, I think we still offer tremendous value for money with nobody paying more than £10 a month which works out about 30p a day. I note our neighbours now have a day ticket option of £40 a day so that sort of puts us into perspective given all the additional facilities we have on site. Our costs will undoubtedly go up this year with new landlord, rise in insurance and upcoming need for stand renovation but we do remain financially stable and fit for purpose with current format.

On a personal note, I am very proud of what this small charity has developed into over the years. I am lucky to deal with many of the outside groups and agencies that we work with, and I can tell you all that we are held with extremely high regard in the angling community. We do the same as lots of other places in regards projects, but we take ours just that bit further with our volunteer numbers and hospitality. I could give you lots of quotes from all our projects but the photographs with smiling faces say it all to me.

I look forward to a successful 2025-26 year ahead.

<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Sum of WITHDRAWAL</b>	<b>Sum of DEPOSIT</b>
• Cheques/bills	296	110
• Donations and grants	60	16735.61
• Fuel/petrol/gas	786.15	
• Insurance	587.14	
• Maintenance	8429.36	
• Official Body	299	
• Project funding	2955.8	2050
• Sundries	1705.56	65.62
• UAF subscription	389.1	
• Management software	728.19	
• Wi-Fi	240	
• Starting balance		1328.41
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16476.3</b>	<b>20289.64</b>

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	INCOME	EXPENDITURE		OPENING	CLOSING
DONATIONS	£1,250.00		BANK	£858.10	£1,328.41
EVENTS	£990.00		PAYPAL	£0.00	£162.52
GRANTS/FUNDING	£8,317.00		TOTAL ASSETS	£858.10	£1,490.93
LOCAL GIVING	£913.22				
MEM/SHIP	£5,862.24				
MISC IN	£147.72				
PAYPAL	£1,889.32				
ACCOUNTANT FEES		£100.00			
AFFILIATIONS		£224.00			
BAILIFF LICENSES		£142.00			
BAIT		£487.90			
EVENTS		£1,092.72			
FUEL		£1,230.02			
INSURANCE		£1,043.27			
LOCALGIVING MEMBERSHIP		£180.00			
MAINTENANCE		£10,501.55			
MISC OUT		£621.81			
PHONE/WIFI		£240.00			
RENT		£700.00			
STATIONARY		£237.88			
STOCKING		£536.00			
TOILET		£139.58			
VOLUNTEER EXP		£537.78			
WEBSITE		£722.16			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£19,369.50</b>	<b>£18,736.67</b>			
<b>NETT SURPLUS</b>	<b>£632.83</b>				

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**AGENDA, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTHERN IRELAND CROSS COMMUNITY ANGLING. TO BE HELD AT BEECHHILL FISHERY ON WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM.**

**Executive Members/Trustee's Present:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Secretary brings the meeting to order and asks that the President take the chair. Meeting is reminded that only members over 18 can vote at an AGM and hands it over to the Chairman.

Chairman of the Meeting takes the chair and calls the meeting to order.

**President's Open Address:**

The President addresses the members of the meeting with a welcome.

**Members Present:**

Members present in person:

**Apologies:**

**Agenda:**

The Meeting takes up for consideration the items on the Agenda:

**Item No1: 2022-23 AGM Report:** (Including matters arising)

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No1: The 2022-23 AGM Report.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the 2022-23 AGM Report

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands.

**Item No2: President's Report:** (Including Beechhill and Conlig Development)

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No2: The President's Report.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the President's Report.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands.

**Item No3: Secretary's Report:** (Including Club Development/Training & Media

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No3: The Secretary's Report.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Secretary's Report.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands.

**Item No4: Treasurers Report:**

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No4: The Treasurer's Report. Given the charity has been without treasurer for part of the year accounts have been passed to a previous treasurer for compilation for Charity Commission report. It may be that the report will not be returned from independent financial advisors by time of the AGM. It is proposed to keep within time limits set by charity commission all subscribers will be notified when accounts become available online.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Treasurer's Report.

**Secretary:** S Gibson | **M:** 07764943212 | **E:** info@nicca.org.uk | **Web:** www.nicca.org.uk  
**Charity Registration No's:** NIC100706 & XT38711 | **DARD Fishery Registration:** REGNI 224

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands.

**Item No5: Auditors Report:**

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No5: The Auditors Report. As above, the auditors report may not be available to the AGM on the date set.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Auditor's Report.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands.

**Item No6: Appointment of Auditor:**

The Chairman takes up for consideration Item No6: Appointment of Auditor.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Appointment of Auditor.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the Appointment of Auditor.

**Item No7: Competition Secretary Reports:**

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No7: Competition Secretary Reports from 2023-2024.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Competition Secretary Reports.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands.

**Item No8: Notice of Motions:**

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No8: Notice of Motions.

The Chairman then invites, from the members, any clarification on presented Motions.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the Motion on a show of hands.

**Item No9: Election of Officers:**

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No9: Election of Officers.

Proposal that the position of secretary be taken up by T Moore and that vacant position of treasurer be taken up by S Gibson. Since February 2024 S Gibson has been maintaining club financial records and reviewing with J Soan on a monthly basis.

The Chairman then invites, from the members, any clarification on the elections of Officers.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the elections of officers on a show of hands.

**Item No10: Any other Business**

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No10: Any other Business.

With all the items of the agenda being transacted, the chairman thanks the members for taking the time to attend the Annual General Meeting and declares the meeting as concluded.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

Northern Ireland Cross Community Angling (NICCA)  
Charity No: NIC100706

Accounts for Year ended 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

The trustees of the charity have asked me to make an independent examination of the accounts for the year ended 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. The trustees consider that a formal audit of the charity is not required for this year.

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity. It also considers any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts 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.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2024

Colin R Thompson ACMA (Associate Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)

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# Accounts

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## YEARLY RETURN 02/02/2022 - 01/02/2023

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	ASSETS	
			OPENING	7153.01
MEMBERSHIPS	708.37		PETTY CASH	169.87
PAYPAL	5845.70		BARCLAYS	858.10
LOCAL GIVING	1138.53			
GRANT/FUNDING	10650.00			
MISC	44.99			
FUEL		2140.90	TOTAL ASSETS	8180.98
MISC		5173.97		
EVENTS		349.12		
STATIONARY/WEB		1183.38		
BAIT		1440.13	LIABILITIES	
INSURANCE		1016.95		
MAINTENANCE		3836.93	AP	150.00
TOILET HIRE		1500.00		
ACCOUNTANCY SERV		100.00		
AFFILIATIONS		664.30	NETT ASSETS	8030.98
PHONE		381.90		
STOCKING		2300.00		
CLOTHING		280.14		
RENT		700.00		
	18387.59	21067.72		
Nett Surplus	£858.10			

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The reporting year 22-23 was one of the busiest the charity has had in regards to outreach projects and development works to the fishery. Given the country was still reeling from effects of Covid 19 there certainly seemed to be an increased need in our community for healthier outdoor activities which got folk out again talking to each other. We benefited greatly from some financial support from Adrian at Encore Parcs who assisted in funding projects close to his businesses on the Peninsula. This boost came almost by chance when he saw Walter one day unpacking his fishing gear away and asked where he had been. Walter explained what we did and the following week Adrian came up and had a look whilst we were running one of our projects. He was immediately impressed and agreed to fund several youth group visits in the months to come.

The first group to return after Covid was Mental Health Charity Oasis who got the year off to a start on 18th May. We were then to welcome a 2nd visit from Oasis, Ashfield Boys, Loughries Mens Shed, Blesma Limbless Veterans, Belfast City Mission, AMH Promote, Donaghadee Youth Club, Ballyhalbert Youth Club, Westwinds Hens Shed, The Link Family Centre, Scrabo Ladies plus plenty other individual projects. We also ran an additional funded project from Ulster Angling Foundation where we used Movilla Fly Fishery to run 2 days game fishing coaching led by our Level 2 coach George Freel. The final group of the year was right up to Halloween where we again hosted Ballyhalbert youth club for a "Halloween/fishing/pizza" party - don't see those words together too often..

It is only with the help of volunteers that these important projects can be organized and run so successfully. The subscription fees for the charity everyone pays would simply not cover all the yearly bills we get and the funding attracted by events is the only way we can keep subscriptions so low but still operate so successfully. Lastly my personal special thanks to our Chef Mark who quite often eclipsed the fishing with his fantastic catering and superb strawberry and cream scones.

Moving ahead I look forward to my position within the charity and have plans to reach out to even more challenging members of our community. To us we are very lucky we can call angling our hobby where we can meet and make many new friends. To others it is a unique opportunity to come to a very special and safe environment where they can try something which may change their life from that day onwards. I do not say that lightly but I am also in a good position to follow up on many of our adventures and can assure you all of the huge impact made on people's lives.

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Date

31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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