

# Loughbrickland Mission Hall

## Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 2020 - December 31st 2020



## **Trustees' Annual Report (1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020)**

Charity Name: Loughbrickland Mission Hall (**NIC Number: 100874**)

Location: Loughbrickland Mission Hall  
Main Street  
Loughbrickland  
Co. Down  
BT32 3NQ

Working Address: 103 Benburb Road,  
Dungannon,  
Co.Tyrone,  
BT71 7PZ

### **Purpose of Loughbrickland Mission Hall:**

The promotion and advancement of Christianity on strictly non-sectarian principles with all trustees holding evangelical views- and adhering to the Mission Hall's 'Statement of Faith'.

The 'Statement of Faith' is annexed to this report.

The trustees are satisfied that both elements of the public benefit test are met.

The direct benefits flowing from this purpose include the raising of Christian moral values and standards amongst the people who attend the services and to wider society from seeing religious people in the community, the cultivation of cross-community relations (for example through common events like youth soccer training and coffee

mornings) and the provision of a Good News Club which advances religious knowledge and education amongst children attending the activity. Additional benefits include increased contribution to missionaries who adhere to our 'Statement of Faith', which sees improved relief to disadvantaged people at home and abroad. The benefits can be

demonstrated through feedback from the beneficiaries and the visible presence of religion and its resources in the community.

No harm arises from any of the above.

The beneficiaries are primarily the users/ adherents of the hall and its statement of faith; and more widely the general public. There are no private benefits which are more than incidental or necessary, for example, a small token of gratitude to guest speakers etc.

### **Main Activities of Loughbrickland Mission Hall (1st Jan 2020 - 31st December 2020)**

The global events surrounding Covid-19 had an obvious bearing upon the regular activities of Loughbrickland Mission Hall (LMH). In-person gatherings were temporarily suspended from March 2020 through to July 2020, and some virtual meetings were held via Zoom in the interim.

Returning to in-person gatherings, as per government guidelines, the main activities compromised of:

- **A Sunday evening service** was conducted weekly with a visiting speaker or missionary. These meetings served to raise Christian moral values and standards among its attendants. It is open to the public and has enjoyed regular attendance from a diverse range of people from the community. These meetings, as well as special mid-week meetings, were recorded and made available to those unable to attend, through the means of our website and also through free CD distribution.
- **Tuesday evening prayer service.** In like manner, these meetings served to raise Christian moral values, and were an on-going opportunity to pray for the local community and its needs.
- **Support of local and international missionary organisations.** The Mission Hall regularly hosted missionary organisations throughout the year, and contributed collections to the respective missionary organisations. These organisations varied in their missional context: some organisations were primarily engaged in activity within Northern Ireland, whereas others were international in their outreach. However, all organisations supported by the Mission Hall had the shared purposes of alleviating poverty; providing relief to disadvantaged people, and ultimately, the furtherance of the evangelical Christian message in a local, as well as in an international context.

### **Governance of Loughbrickland Mission Hall**

The charity is managed by a Committee, which in accordance to the Mission Hall's constitution (February 2015), must have more than 4 persons but not more than 15.

The Committee must have the following offices of chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer. Individuals, as well as officers, can be appointed at any one of the monthly meetings of the charity by the majority consent of the Committee. A trustee must be an adherent of the charity, agreeing with the Mission Hall's 'Statement of Faith' and regard the statutory guidance on public benefit requirements from the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland.

Failure to adhere to the Mission Hall's 'Statement of Faith' as well as the statutory guidance of the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, would result in the disqualification of any trustee.

At least 10 meetings of the Committee are held annually (typically on a monthly basis), with a majority of trustees expected to be present in order to take decisions on behalf of the charity. Minutes are kept for every meeting.

Throughout 2019, there have been 7 members on the Committee:

Mr. Jim Stewart (Chair)

Mr. David Meredith (Vice-Chair)

Mrs. Wilma Stewart (Secretary)

Mr. Stephen Bartley (Treasurer)

Mr. William Adams

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams

Mr. Brian Poots

#### **Financial Report (1st January- 31st December 2020)**

The opening bank balance on 1st January 2020 stood at £4,598.26.

Throughout the year, the Mission Hall collected £12,724.36.

Total expenditure throughout the year came to £11,438.11.

The closing bank balance on 31st December 2019 stood at £5,884.51.

**Trustees at time of Report's Approval (26/10/2021):**

Mr. Jim Stewart (Chair)

Mr. David Meredith (Vice-Chair)

Mrs. Wilma Stewart (Secretary)

Mr. Stephen Bartley (Treasurer)

Mr. William Adams

Mrs. Elizabeth Adams

Signed:

JIM STEWART (Chair)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim Stewart', written over the printed name.

DAVID MEREDITH (Vice-Chair)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Meredith', written over the printed name.

Date: 26/10/2021

In annex:

**LOUGHBRICKLAND MISSION HALL**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

- a. The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- b. The sovereignty of God in creation, providence, revelation, redemption, and the final judgement.
- c. The divine inspiration and entire trustworthiness of Holy Scripture as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- d. The sinfulness and guilt of all men since the Fall, rendering them subject to God's wrath and condemnation
- e. Redemption from the guilt, penalty, and power of sin only through the sacrificial death as our Representative and Substitute, of Jesus Christ the Incarnate Son of God.
- f. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and his ascension to the right hand of God the Father.
- g. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ.
- h. The justification of the sinner by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- i. The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- j. The one holy, universal Church which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong.
- k. The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.