

Ballymena and District Gateway Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101052

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-03-09

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

Contact

Address Broughshane Community Centre
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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the club are to provide or assist in the provision in the locality of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for people who have need thereof by reason of learning disability with the object of improving their conditions of life.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Disability, General charitable purposes, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Men, Physical disabilities, Volunteers, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£6,353	£6,622	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Karen Boyle		
Mrs Patrina Dalrymple		
Ms Kerry O'hara		

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Annual Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 December 2023

For Ballymena and District Gateway Club

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Club Aims and Objectives

Ballymena and District Gateway Club is run entirely by volunteers and has been established for over forty years. We are a valuable social club open to adult members of our community who have learning disabilities. We currently have over sixty members and throughout the year we offer a varied programme of interesting, fun and accessible activities and events such as games nights, bowling and movie nights as well annual trips to the pantomime, a Christmas dinner and a Summer outing.

The aims of the group include providing these social activities whilst promoting and supporting independence and social inclusion to members of the community who can often be very isolated.

We recognise our members have differing needs and are mindful to offer inclusive opportunities across the year, to ensure individual needs are appropriately met, to provide a warm and friendly environment in which everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

In addition we also offer an opportunity to people to volunteer with the group which is both rewarding and enjoyable.

Achievements and Performance

The Club has continued to meet on the first and third Monday of each month between September and May and to also have a Summer Trip as per below 2022/23 programme.

Date	Activity	Venue
4 September	Ice Cream and Catch Up	Community Centre
18 September	Bingo	Community Centre
2 October	Film Night	Ballykeel Church
16 October	Halloween Party	Community Centre
6 November	Dancers	Community Centre
20 November	Crafts Night	Community Centre
4 December	Christmas Dinner & Party	Adair Arms
20 December	Panto	Ballymena Town Hall
15 January	Chips and Games	Community Centre
5 February	Pancakes & Crepes	Community Centre
19 February	Valentines Disco	Community Centre
4 March	Cinema	Community Centre
25 March	Easter Party	Community Centre
15 April	Ukele Group	Community Centre
29 April	Chair Yoga	Community Centre
20 May	Film Night	Ballykeel Church
1 June	Summer Trip	

This programme demonstrates the range of activities and outing that the Club has offered and has met its purpose in benefitting the members by promoting opportunity, inclusion and therefore improving well-being.

It is important to note that the feedback from our members has been very positive about how much they have enjoyed the activities and opportunities.

In setting our objectives and planning these activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

In addition to the programme of activities for the members the Club has also ran a number of successful fundraising events, a pub quiz, fire side quiz and car boot sale, the proceeds of which have been used entirely for the benefit of the members.

Structure

The Club holds an Annual General Meeting each year, the last being 10 July 2023. In addition three further committee meetings are held throughout the year to plan the programme of activities and review the on-going position of the Club.

The Club executive committee positions are:

Chairperson	Patrina Dalrymple
Treasurer	Kerry O'Hara
Secretary	Sian Dunlop
Club Leader	Karen Boyle

The Club has a number of other volunteers who are highly committed to supporting the executive committee and engaging in planning and organisation of fund raising events for example without whom, the executive committee would like to acknowledge, the Club could not continue to function as highly as it does.

The Club continues to be administered in accordance with the Club Constitution.

Financial review

The Club is in a financially strong position.

The current balance is in part sadly a reflection of the deaths of two members whose families have made significant donations to the Club. There were also other generous donations made.

The Club continues to be mindful to ensure the members receive the benefit of their membership in the programme offered.

The balance at the end of the year was £14,988.26

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires charity trustees to ensure that accounting records are kept which are sufficient to show and explain all the charity's transactions, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to prepare statement of accounts which complies with regulations in the Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing those financial statement, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

- State whether applicable accounting standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

In accordance with this a Financial Statement and Independent Examiners Statements have been presented along with this report.

Above report is approved by the charity trustees and signed on their behalf.

Ms Kerry O'Hara

Ballymena and District Gateway Club Secretary

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballymena & District Gateway

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out in the Club's Financial Statement.

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 as examiner 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 I have sought explanations from 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: Jo Gibson

Relevant professional qualification or body: n/a

Address: c/o Ballymena & District Gateway

Date: 28/08/24



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Statement of Financial Activities
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Accounts for Year ending 31st December 2018

Income Analysis

Membership Fees	3345.55
Uniform	20
Fundraising	1462.85
Donation	588
Additional Dinners	181
Grants	3090
Additional Pantomime Tickets	25
Collection Box	49.57
Total	8761.97

Payment Analysis

Hall Rent	205.90
Entertainment/Activities	2292.34
Food	4400.97
Transport	1995.60
Insurance	472.36
MENCAP Membership	60
Uniform	404
Miscellaneous e.g. supplies, prizes, celebrations	99.62
Total	9930.69

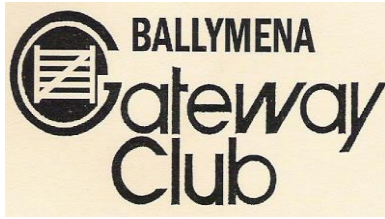
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The Ballymena and District Gateway Club has no assets or liabilities.

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In addition we also offer an opportunity to people to volunteer with the group which is both rewarding and enjoyable.

Achievements and Performance

The Club has continued to meet on the first and third Monday of each month and the programme for the 2017/2018 club year was as follows:

Date	Activity	Venue
4 September	Welcome Back Party	Community Centre
18 September	Games Night	Community Centre
2 October	Gateways Got Talent Let us know if you want to perform	Community Centre
16 October	Halloween Party	Rugby Club
6 November	Line Dancing	Community Centre
20 November	Christmas Dinner and Disco	Adair Arms Hotel
4 December	Pantomime	Grand Opera House
18 December	Christmas Party	Community Centre
15 January	Chippy Night and Games	Community Centre
29 January	Film Night	To be confirmed
5 February	Valentines Disco	Rugby Club
19 February	Pancakes and Irish Dancing	Community Centre
5 March	Silver Band	Community Centre
26 March	Easter Party	Community Centre
16 April	Baking/Pampering/Games	Community Centre
30 April	Animal/Reptile Night	Community Centre
14 May	Linedancing and Cowboy Supper	Michelin Club
21 May	BBQ Party	Rugby Club
2 June	Summer Outing	

The programme was developed with the contribution of members and with consideration of their feedback into what they have enjoyed previously. The programme demonstrates how the Club has sought to meet its purpose in benefitting the members by promoting opportunity, inclusion and therefore improving well-being.

Consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit ensured that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The Club also held a number of fundraising events during the year to support the funding of the events for the members.

Structure

The Club holds an Annual General Meeting each year, the last being 22 May 2019. There were additionally three further committee meetings held throughout the year to plan the programme of activities and review the on-going position of the Club.

The Club executive committee positions are:

Chairperson	Brian Boyd
Treasurer	Alexandra Perry
Assistant Treasure	Nicola Wallace
Secretary	Kerry O'Hara
Club Leader	Patrina Dalrymple

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The Club continues to be administered in accordance with the Club Constitution.

Financial review

The Club is in a positive financial position although as a result of higher expenditure on Christmas gifts and transport outgoings were bigger than income which is not sustainable.

The membership fee, grants applications, sponsorship of Easter eggs and fund-raising activities have supported financial income.

The income over the year 2018 was £8761.97 and out-going was £9930.69.

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Kerry O'Hara

Ms Kerry O'Hara

Ballymena and District Gateway Club Secretary

28.10.19

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Independent examiner's statement

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Name: Paul Patton – CEO Ballymena Credit Union

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Patton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Relevant professional qualification if any: n/a

Address: c/o Ballymena Credit Union 17-21 William Street, Ballymena BT43 6AW

Date: 26 October 2019