

Carnew Rural Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101105

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-02-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The Society is established to advance education and promote community development for the benefit of the residents in the Carnew, Corbally, Fedney, Garvaghy and Shanrod areas (hereinafter described as 'the area of benefit'). Regardless of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion, the society will keep people socially active by the provision of recreational, educational and leisure time activities in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life and to ensure that all residents within the area of benefit maintain a healthy mind and body. The Society will provide opportunities to advance the knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture for all those that reside in the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Community development, Cultural, Education/training, Grant making, Rural development, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Community safety/crime prevention, General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£10,493	£9,125	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Audrey Beryl Cowan		
Bertie Wallace		
Cynthia Aiken		
Joseph Corbett		
Maurice Weir Coburn		
Mr Derek Cochrane		
Mr Robin Kelly		
Mr Samuel Martin		
Myrtle Johnston		
Rita Rankin		
Samuel John Bingham		

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS 01/04/2024 TO 31/03/2025

INCOME	£		EXPENDITURE	£
Balance	8011.54.		Entertainment Licence Expenses	401.00.
Grant	985.60.		Trustees Caarnew Hall	560.00.
Deposit Bus Trip	636.00.		LOL 982	380.00.
Deposit A.Wilson Party	60.00.		← Classes	1347.00.
Deposit Big Breakfast	800.00.		— BBQ, Treasure Hunt & Dance	1275.00.
			— Bus Trip	3545.95.
			NI Water	92.65.
			Bann Stationery	123.97.
			— Big Breakfast	220.00.
			Finney Bros	500.00.
			Cleaning Materials	19.87.
			Cheques From 23/24	660.00.
			TOTAL	9125.44.
			CLOSING BALANCE	1367.70.
	10493.14.			10493.14.

Maurer *Maurer* Date 28-5-25 Secretary *Cynthia O'Brien* Date 28.05.2025
 Certified By *Quincey* Date 29/5/2025

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Opening Balance	6175.71.
ACB & CB Council	1310.00.
Ulster Scots Agency	210.00.
BBQ, T. Hunt & Donations	900.00.
Awards For All	10000.00.
Poppy Donation	180.00.
T Woods & M Johnston	375.00.
Memory Night	400.00.
ACNI Lottery Fund	292.00.
Quiz Night	765.00.
TOTAL	20607.71.
Cheques Not Cashed	660.00.
	21267.71.

EXPENDITURE	£
Entertainment Licence Expenses	1469.52.
Classes	5238.00.
Trustees Carnew Hall	710.00.
Carnew LOL 982	555.00.
Water Rates	85.65.
Stationery	78.00.
Food	605.00.
Equipment	1029.27.
Finney Bros	600.00.
Cleaning Materials	75.73.
Charity Donations	580.00.
Cheques 22/23	2230.00.
Total	13256.17.
Closing Balance	8011.54.
	21267.71.

Chairman *M. M. M. M.* Date *24-3-24*

Accounts Certified By: *D. M. M.* Date *21/5/2024*
 Secretary *L. M. M.* Date *24-3-24*

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Carnew Rural Society Chairperson's Annual Report

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Financial year from 1st April 2023-31st March 2024

Purpose of our charity and principal activities

Carnew Rural Society were able to continue to provide classes and events throughout the year.

We completed the Take 500 grant with a needle felting class in April 2023 taken East Coast Craft each student created a felting picture to take home.

We applied to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council for a running cost grant which was subsequently approved. This included covering the following- annual rent, insurance, heating oil, stationary and NI Water bill.

In June 2023 we held a community Treasure Hunt and BBQ with an evening of music by the Grousebeaters. This was not funded and was by paid admission to cover costs.

We applied to Awards For All – The National Lottery Community Fund for a grant of £10,000 which was subsequently approved. Over the year from October 2023

we ran several classes and events. The first of which was our Big community breakfast on 7th October 2023 where we served 200 plus people. We had PCSP there to provide crime prevention advice to enable members of the community this valuable knowledge and items to prevent and deter crime. Our next class on Saturday 14th October was an accredited First Aid class where each of the students received a certificate on completion of course.

In October 2023 we ran an accredited Food Hygiene class over 2 nights and on completion the students received a certificate after a test and attendance at both course nights.

In October Patrica McNeill took a class to make felt remembrance day poppies which was attended by 15 students and donations of £180 were raised which was passed onto the Dromore Branch of The Royal British Legion. This was not grant funded but once again brought the community together.

In October 2023 we purchased a bainmarie and a food trolley this was funded from the Awards For All grant to enable the community hall to be able to safely and efficiently provide the ability to cater safely.

In September/October 2023 using the grant from the Arts council we create a pottery wall hanging in remembrance of

the late Queen Elizabeth II, also each student was able to make and design individual tiles and paint them as well as being involved in the making of the tiles for the wall hanging.

On 10th November we held a Memories evening to commemorate and celebrate 20 years of Carnew Rural Society (we were established in May 2003) and to bring the community together in an evening of speakers, invited guests, food, slideshows and craft items made over the years. Donations were given with £400 pounds raised and donated to the Alzheimer's Society (NI). This was not grant funded but was a beneficial community event. We also unveiled the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Plaque, the plaque had been funded via the Arts Council grant.

In November/December 2023 we held two nights of Christmas floral arrangements this was attended by 16 students on each evening who enjoyed learning how to arrange flowers and Holly wreaths.

In February 2024 we ran a table quiz to raise funds for to help with over all costs Carnew Rural Society has to cover ie: entertainment licence, electrical checks, fire risk assessment, ongoing maintenance and general bills and general upkeep of hall etc.

In March 2024 we held a Reflexology class for 12 people lead by Sarah Vaughn of House of Reflexology Magheraline where she gave a talk on her work and the benefits and background of reflexology and carried out some Reflexology demonstrations on those attending the class. This was funded by Awards For All grant.

In March Patrica Mc Neill led two spring flower arranging classes with 16 students attending each and taking home their arrangements each night. This was funded by Awards For All

Awards For All also covered the cost of Hall hire for all the events covered by their grant.

During the year 01/04/2023-31/03/2024 we continued to circulate and share useful information and activities through our community Facebook page and also providing the hall for the community to hire for birthday/celebration/ funeral teas and other events therefore providing a link for all those in the community to find out more and use the hall as a local community venture and facility. We also liaise with the local community via Facebook messages and assist where possible

and provide guidance. We were also a hub to sign petitions for local infrastructure and local issues.

Public Benefits

In setting out our objectives and planning for the year the Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit. This is to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries stated. All our activities are related to one or more of the following charitable objectives.

The advancement of citizens and community development

The advancement of education

The advancement of art, culture and heritage

Carnew Rural Society received funding from a number of sources, throughout this financial year which assisted with running costs, community events and ultimately enabled us to provide the opportunity to the local community for social inclusion in this rural area.

Funders included

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council

Awards For All

Arts Council

In conclusion, all our events received excellent feedback from those who participated in them. With the help of continued funding Carnew Rural Society would strive to continue to serve the local isolated rural community and improve the quality of life for its residents.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the 2023-2024 are as follows:

Cynthia Aiken

Samuel John Bingham

Maurice Weir Coburn

Derek Cochrane

Myrtle Johnston

Audrey Beryl Cowan

Robin Kelly

Bertie Wallace

Joseph Corbett

Samuel Martin

Rita Rankin

There were no funds held by our charity that was in any way deficit at the end of our financial year and we had a closing balance of £8,011.54

All treatments have followed by case reports

Signed

Myrtle Johnson Date 6-12-24

Myrtle Johnson

Signed

Cynthia Aiken Date 6-12-24

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Carnew Rural Society

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

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 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.

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 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, 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: Diane Ewart Manager

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: TADA Rural Support Network, 19 Carn Road, Portadown, BT63 5WG

Date: 06/01/2024

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CARNEW RURAL SOCIETY

INCOME	£
Opening B Balance	
ACB & CB Council Grant	231.08.
Ulster Scots Agency Grant	1015.00.
Arts Council NI Grant	630.00.
ACB & CB Council Grant	2628.00.
Fireside Quiz	400.00.
Big Breakfast	123.00.
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	1030.00.
Community Planning-Take500+ PB Grant	
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	1000.00.
Borough Council Grant	2374.00.
Cheques not Cashed	2230.00.
TOTAL	11661.08.

EXPENDITURE	£
ABC Entertainment Licence	75.00.
Trustees Carnew Hall (Rent)	200.00.
Office Consumables	159.91.
Heating Oil	424.00.
Hall Hire & Insurance	400.00.
Entertainment Expenses & Food	1391.00.
Classes	542.00.
Advertisement Posters	54.00.
Irvine & Little Electrics	390.00.
Shrubs	61.46.
Defibrillator	1788.00.
Total	5485.37.
CLOSING BALANCE	6175.71.
TOTAL	11661.08.

Chairman *M. James* *Lubin* Date *30/3/23*

Secretary *G. Gault* *Burkin* Date *20/04/2023*

Accounts Certified by *D. Jones* Date *21/5/2023*

Funds Reconciliation		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash at bank and at hand		9077	2584.08	none	11,661.08	7178.92
Surplus this year end		6175.71	none	none	6175.71	231.08
Cash in bank and at hand 31st March 2023		6175.71	none	none	6175.71	231.08
		Laptop, fridge, overhead projector, water urn, 15 tables, vacuum, steam cleaner, dehumidifier, comfort mats, new boundary fence, 2 standalone sanitisers, 12 covid clear pop up screens (COVID Preventative), Infrared thermometer (COVID Preventative), 6 wall mountable hand sanitisers, Tea/Coffee Large Pump Flasks for Dispensing, Chaffing Dish to keep food warm, Defibrillator and Secure Outdoor Casing, Shrubs for Community Garden				
Other Assets (restricted fund)		none	none	none	none	none

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Purpose of our charity and principal activities

Carnew Rural Society was able to get off to a good start this year with Covid 19 restrictions lifted.

We applied to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council for a running costs grant which was subsequently approved. This included covering the following- annual hall rent, insurance, heating oil, stationary and NI Water bill. This grant enables the Society to keep the hall in good repair and to adhere to all legislative and health and safety requirements therefore ensuring that we would be ready to open up the hall to hold events for the public in the incoming year.

We also received the Take 500 PB grant from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council. With this grant we were able to bring the local community together to run classes. These classes included flower arranging, Line Dancing and Slow Cooker/Healthy Eating Food Demo (took place in March 2023) and Needle Felting (took place in April 2023 but monies were received in March 2023 into Carnew Rural Society account).

There also was a part funded grant from Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council to celebrate the Queens Jubilee where we had a sit-down salad tea for 90 people with music by Carnew Accordion Band and Dance and music provided by the Clover group.

In October 2022 we held a community Big Breakfast. We also had the Farm Families Health Check Bus available from 9am-2.30pm to

enable members of the community to access full checks, with all times slots used and positive feedback from all who attended.

In February 2023 we were successful in obtaining items from TADA Rural Support under the Electric Safety Fund initiative and distributed these to elderly citizens in the community.

We were also invited in February 2023 to Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Officers by the Deputy Lord Mayor to mark the celebration of 20 years since the formation of the Rural Society. With 25 members of the Rural Society attending the Civic Reception to recognise all the volunteering efforts.

We were successful in a bid to the Ulster Scots Agency to enable an Ulster Scots celebration for Commonwealth and St Patricks day in Carnew in March 2023 where we had a community dinner followed by a piper, Accordion Band and a Scottish Country Dancing Demonstration by the Royal Scottish Country Society (RSCDS) – Belfast Branch and community dancing led by RSCDS. The grant also enabled us to purchase and plant shrubs in our community garden to commemorate these events.

We were also successful in obtaining a grant from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council to provide an External Community Defibrillator and training. The Defibrillator was installed in March 2023 together with a community demonstration on how to use a Defibrillator, CPR and initial First Aid. This was provided by Allan Graham Training and was attended by a large number of people who and were made aware of this community device and how to use.

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the Arts Council of NI in February 2023 to create a ceramic/pottery Commemorative plaque for the late Queen Elizabeth II. The classes for this and the installation of same will be held during September/October/November 2023.

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Name: Diane Ewart Manager

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: TADA Rural Support Network, 19 Carn Road, Portadown, BT63 5WG

Date: 31/10/2023