

# Causeway Down's Syndrome Parent/Carers Support Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101226

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-03-09

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Association is to provide education and support for parents and carers of, and individuals with Down's Syndrome (hereinafter called "the beneficiaries") in the following postcode areas: BT57 8, BT56 8, BT55 7, BT54 6, BT53 6,7,8, BT52 2,1, BT51 4,3, BT44 8,9,0, BT43 5,6,7, and BT42 1,2,3,4 (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said beneficiaries, and in particular to: A) To foster an atmosphere of mutual support among the beneficiaries and to encourage a forum for mutual support; B) To raise awareness, for the benefit of the public, about Down's Syndrome, and methods of treatment and management of the condition.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:**

Advice/advocacy/information, Counselling/support, Disability, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Medical/health/sickness, Sport/recreation

**Who the charity helps:** Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Learning disabilities, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,401	£23,672	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Ami Arnscheidt		
Mrs Conie Kearney		
Mrs Deirdre Logan		
Mrs Gwen Doak		
Mrs Jill Gurney		
Mrs Karen Allen		
Mrs Mary Hunter		
Mrs Sally Martin		

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# Accounts

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**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	18,199	-	-	18,199	14,255
	Deposit Account	6,996	-	-	6,996	6,683
		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>25,195</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,195</b>	<b>20,938</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total		-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		Total			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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# Annual report

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## **TRUSTEE REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2024**

Causeway Down's Syndrome Support Group

Registered Address is 178c Loughan Road, Fish Loughan, Coleraine, BT52 1UD

NIC No 101226

Trustees are: Mrs Mary Hunter, Mrs Jill Gurney, Mrs Karen Allen, Mrs Gwen Doak, Mrs Sally Martin, Mrs Deirdre Logan, Mrs Ame Arnscheidt and Mrs Connie Kearney.

Our meetings are held every two months at the Elite Connected Offices, 17 Queen Street, Ballymoney, Co Antrim, on the second Tuesday of every other month excluding July and August. We, the trustees have had regard to the charity commissions public benefit for this financial year.

Our focus for this financial year was to try and secure the sustainability of the group by ensuring our financial situation was more favourable. In simple terms we want to continue to be able to fund essential services to our members. We continue to ask families availing of specific services to contribute 25% of the cost to ensure buy in and consistent attendance. Another year post covid has made fundraising more possible.

It is important to note that we received several monetary gifts in lieu of flowers following the deaths of Mrs Heather Tweedie and Mr Hugh Nevin. We are incredibly grateful for those friends and families supporting our local charity. In total this contributed £2700.00 towards our income this financial year.

Work continued on our new outdoor space kindly donated by the Moore Family Dervock. The 'Garden of Eatin' officially opened on 29<sup>TH</sup> April 2023. This new allotment space is open to all our families and provides a space to enjoy the outdoors, learn new skills and grow some tasty fruit and veg. Events were planned through the year – Summer BBQ, pumpkin patch and build a bug hotel morning.

17 of our parents and carers braved the Rampage obstacle course at Jungle NI on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. £7222 was raised and lots of bumps and bruises were picked up along the way.

The social highlight of the year was the Christmas Party held on the first Sunday in December in the Royal Court in Portrush. A wonderful celebration of what makes our group unique and special.

### **Fundraising Activities:**

- Straidbilly PS, Dervock donated £601 following events on World Downs Syndrome day and in lieu of Christmas gifts for colleagues. Straidbilly continues to support us frequently and we are thankful for their generosity.
- St Patricks PS Rasharkin, another school that has supported us frequently also held an event on world downs syndrome day and raised £212.
- Mr & Mrs Bruce donated £250 in lieu of wedding favours at their wedding.
- Mr & Mrs Acheson counted their spare change box and donated £155.

- Crafted with love – donated a very generous £1000 from their crafting activities.
- Kerry group Coleraine also donated £1000.
- Kaleena Murphy raised £440 from candle sales. She commissioned a candle specifically for our group. Etain No 21
- Dunclug College, Ballymena raised £550 from our teenager group 'allstars' performance at the Dunclug carol service.
- Baby Zone Portstewart supported us with their annual pramble. £655 was raised!
- Spar Knocklyn organised a fundraising day and locals donated £428
- Nigel White organised a local ride out wearing Santa outfits and raised £140.

Philip Tweedie & Co has made us their nominated charity for 2023/24. They organised an event for 21<sup>st</sup> March – The grand total will be revealed in next years accounts.

This income has allowed us to continue to preserve, protect and improve the health, education and wellbeing of individuals with Downs Syndrome in the Causeway Area, by way of music therapy sessions, speech and language sessions, multi skills classes (physical exercise and games) as well as supporting each other through the highs and lows of schooling, toileting, health promotion or the ability to signpost to existing services.

We are governed by our constitution dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – no amendments have been made during this period. Our financial position is as follows with a balance of £18,199 in our current account and a further £ 6996 in our savings account.

Signed: Frances-Ann Archibald. Treasurer 19/12/2024

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
CAUSEWAY DOWN'S SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of Causeway Down's Syndrome Support Group for the year ended  
31st March 2024

**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 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 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.



John McMullan ACMA CGMA  
Chartered Management Accountant  
5c High Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6AH

2nd January 2025

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# Accounts

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations Fundraising Activities	12,554	-	-	12,554	6,914
Interest	108	-	-	108	2
Grants	-	10,000	-	10,000	8,450
Parental contributions	1,351	-	-	1,351	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>14,013</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,013</b>	<b>15,366</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>14,013</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,013</b>	<b>15,366</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Direct charity activity	37,870	-	-	37,870	18,746
Donations Paid	100	-	-	100	1,120
Consultancy Fees	537	-	-	537	-
Training	400	-	-	400	-
Other costs	176	-	-	176	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>39,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,082</b>	<b>19,866</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,082</b>	<b>19,866</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 25,069</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 25,177</b>	<b>- 4,499</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>14,254</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,254</b>	<b>36,006</b>

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Our focus for this financial year was to secure additional funding and to fundraise as a community. Post covid we struggled to do both and our desire to continue to support our families was a huge motivating factor. We also made the decision as a collective committee to start asking our families to contribute towards services provided. This was a difficult decision to make but would secure our ability to continue as a support group. Parents now contribute approximately 25% of the cost of speech therapy and all-stars singing sessions. This alone has created an income of over £1300.

Highlights of the year include our Allstars choir singing in Rathmore Golf Club on the 30<sup>th</sup> March for the charity Reach. They also performed in St Patricks Church in Coleraine in December 2022 at the CC&G Police community carol service. One of our teenagers Claudia, had her acting career blossom with a performance in an Irish feature film playing the role of a teenager in Dublin. Her first paid job! Our children and young adults also had a wonderful session with 'Dance to Enhance' group from the triangle area. We hope to work more with this group in the future. Look out for a promo video hitting social media in the future.

The highlight of the year was the Christmas Party held on the first Sunday in December in the Royal Court in Portush. A wonderful celebration of what makes our group unique and special.

### **Fundraising Activities:**

We received two donations of over £1000 from family members of the group.

St Patricks PS in Rasharkin raised £212 on World DS day. One of our teenagers Tiffany and her friends from Sunday school organised a coffee morning and raised £520. The staff from Causeway A&E raised £220 from Christmas donations. The Crowe family had a family party game and raised £130. We also received a £100 donation from 'Here Architects' in Ballymoney in lieu of gifts for clients.

Tribe Fit Caching in Ballymoney owned by Stephen McAlone – big brother of Kayla organised a 12 workouts of Christmas fundraiser and raised a staggering £5318.

Conor Presbyterian raised £1050 from their car wash and coffee morning.

Broughshane Primary School raised £251 from a trade and commerce project and decided to donate money towards our charity. One of our entrepreneur Mums Lauren organised a tropic raffle and raised over £1000. Our biggest income was a grant secured from the National lottery for £10,000 for our speak easy workshops which will continue to ensure our weekly speech therapy is secured for our children and young adults this year.

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6th January 2024