

Dunsford Cross Community Association

Trustee Chairperson's Annual Report 2023/24

Recovery from the prolonged period when COVID regulations restricted the Community activities taking place continued. There is at least one club or society meeting in the Old School every day catering for children, adults, elderly and disabled groups. Regular activities include sewing and crafts, art for the disabled, physical fitness, walking, and a mutual support group. During school holidays there was a children's summer school and throughout the year one-off social events such as birthday parties for children and post funeral hospitality etc. This shows that the Old School facility is an essential and central part of the Dunsford community.

The Association is in a healthy financial state as income exceeded expenditure by £5,500 during the year. Credit is due to the Committee for their good management of activities which has brought the Association to this happy situation. One disappointment however was the failure to secure a grant from Newry Mourne and Down District Council towards the cost of refurbishing the playground. The initial refusal was appealed but the Council did not change the original decision. Other grant applications are being prepared for submission.