

I am pleased to present the Annual Trustees Report for Year Ending 31-03-2025

The hall hosts weekly sessions by several organisations covering activities such as sewing, crafts, adult well-being, play junior and senior youth clubs, and ad hoc social events for adults and children from around the parish and catchment area.

Income from these activities was £3233, which is a 50% increase on last year's figures. Our Service Level Agreement from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was £3033. Last year the council overpaid to our account of £2221 and this was immediately refunded in this year to the council. We also received a grant of £3000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation toward the cost of repairing the playground equipment. Expenditure includes a new heat pump, costing £2770. Current projected balance is £21,793 for year ending 31-03-2025. Our financial status is satisfactory and your committee will always keep a substantial reserve in hand for unforeseen needs.

Your committee are planning to refurbish the playground and are consulting with specialists to help decide what work should be carried out and within the constraints of our financial resources.

Following the recent closure of the local paper The Down Recorder and direction from Newry Mourne Down District Council your committee are also revitalising the Facebook page with the help of professional IT personnel. This will increase our visibility in the local community and improve awareness of activities and facilities available.

The Committee will continue pro-actively to research funding sources with the help of specialists in this area

Finally I would like to thank all the volunteers who work tirelessly in the background to keep everything running smoothly

Raymond Crea

Chairperson