

NEWBUILDINGS COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that our activities have helped to achieve the aims and purposes of the charity.

The main activities of the company are to promote and help maintain the health and wellbeing of all those who live in the village of Newbuildings and the district area of County Londonderry without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion. Our public benefit is provided by ensuring that the activities are run for little or no contribution from the participants so as to ensure there is no financial barrier to accessing the services provided which improve the health and wellbeing of all participants, reduce social isolation, help to improve education levels and bring about a better sense of togetherness in the community.

Newbuildings Community and Environmental Association works alongside statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and with the support of local residents to promote good health and relieve poverty and sickness. The centre as a hub provides facilities to enhance social welfare, recreation, education, training and other leisure time occupation.

Achievements and performance

Newbuildings Community and Environmental Association provides a range of activities to promote health and wellbeing for all ages.

There is a large youth provision which runs over 4 evenings per week covering Juniors from 4 to 9 years of age, Intermediates from 10 to 14 years of age and Seniors from 15 to 18 years of age, with a full programme of activity and skills learning. The centre has a large gym and hall which accommodates indoor football, badminton and cricket. It can also be used for social activities such as birthday parties. Other rooms within the centre are used for Scottish dancing, Pilates, Mini movers (2-4 years), Health visit clinic, Little mess, Little glow and Dove house advice clinic. There is also a computer suite used to meet educational needs for learning new skills required to improve work opportunities.

In the centre, we have a women's group who play bingo, bowling, take part in arts and crafts classes which include pebble art and flower arranging. Following this we have a weekly luncheon club where they come along and get a dinner and pudding. The centre runs Pilates, armchair aerobics, yoga, air fryer and slow cooker classes. Friendship group continues to meet on a Tuesday morning for those who may feel socially isolated and want to chat with other people, this includes knitting and crocheting.

The centre is open 6 days a week so we can offer a safe and warm place for people to drop in. Also, the centre continues to have sporting links to Newbuildings Football Club, Newbuildings Cricket Club and Boxing Club.

Financial review

Newbuildings Community and Environmental Association continues to rely principally upon grant funding and donations. The committee has managed to secure funding from the Education Authority, Western Health and Social Care Trust, Derry City and Strabane District Council, Rural Area Partnership in Derry Ltd, Eglinton Community, Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership and Windfarm Community. The charity also earns income from entrance fees, donations from top up meters and rental income from its investment property. The trustees expect the organisation to remain sustainable and fulfil its charitable purposes.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee having no share capital.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

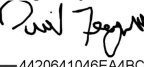
Angela Robb	
Gordon Moore	(Resigned 20 January 2025)
David Ferguson	
Ryan McCready	(Resigned 24 January 2024)
Thomas Wray	
Gary Wilkinson	(Resigned 18 June 2024)
Steven White	(Appointed 11 June 2024 and resigned 3 October 2024)
Gary Thompson	(Appointed 20 January 2025)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Angela Robb
Trustee

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David Ferguson
Trustee

29 September 2025