

# **Loughshore Care Partnership**

## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the unaudited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Loughshore Care Partnership present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### **Results and Dividends**

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £114,295 (2022 - £94,949) and liabilities of £720 (2022 - £957). The net assets of the company have increased by £19,583.

### **Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Kevin Fox  
Edith Stevenson  
Ian Abraham  
Mary Smyth  
Mary Statford  
Mary Yarr

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

### **Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards**

The company engages proactively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Loughshore Care Partnership subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

### **Aims / Objectives / Structure, governance & management, Public Benefit**

Loughshore Care Partnership was established in August 2003 as a new and innovative programme of care for older persons in isolated rural areas. The partnership is made up of associates from the local statutory, voluntary and community sector. Its aim is to provide locally based health and social care services to those living in rural areas of the southern shores of Lough Neagh.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries. The benefits of Loughshore Care Partnership are both clear and directly related to the charity's aims and objectives. These benefits are and will be demonstrated through surveys of satisfaction at the end of any course, increased attendance at relevant meetings and advice and guidance sought by members. The charity beneficiaries are people living in the Lough Neagh area and the surrounding areas.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees continue to monitor and update the reserves policy in order to establish the level of reserves that are required to continue to provide support and investment into all the projects for the next twelve months. The Trustees have a reserves target of six months running costs and continue to work towards this target.

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## **Loughshore Care Partnership Chairman's Report**

The senior citizens' groups, under Loughshore Care Partnership, continue to support the elderly people of the rural Loughshore catchment area with renewed energy after the adversity of the Pandemic.

Our group volunteers deserve great praise for their loyalty and dedication to the senior citizens, ensuring that they have a safe and friendly place to chat, build friendships and engage in varied activities. The volunteers continue to support those still hesitant to return to the clubs through regular phone calls.

Without our funders we would not be able to bring such a service and such a varied programme of activities to the senior citizens. Our funders include Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Department of Communities, ABC Council, National Lottery, Garfield Western, Halifax, Sir Jules Thorn, Danske Bank, LFT Charitable Trust, Albert Hunt Trust, Arts Council NI, Homebase, and Loughshore Access and Community Enterprise (LACE).

We are particularly indebted to the SHSCT. We value the Service Level Agreement we have in place with it, allowing us to meet insurance, rental, administration, and general running costs. I, as Chair, along with Mary Mc Alinden met with their representative in February 2023 to discuss our joint commitments. Hence, we carried out a reprofiling and adjustments were made accordingly. Thus, we no longer outsource administration.

We also wish to thank DART Partnership for their significant assistance, ensuring that senior citizens have transport to the clubs each week. Many drivers are volunteers, and they carry out their tasks with due care and consideration to the elderly.

The Loughshore Minds Matter project is also making such a difference to the engagement and entertainment of the senior citizens. This project, led by Hazel who brings so much energy and creativity are to be commended

## **PROJECTS:**

### Family Choices.

Family Choices is a community-led initiative project designed to support families who are going through the difficult experience of caring for a family member at the end of their life and providing support to their loved ones after their passing. The project is managed by Bernadette Donnelly, with two staff members named Catherine Brady and Renata Juraske.

The primary goal of the project is to offer holistic support to these families. This support encompasses practical assistance and emotional support to help address the various needs and challenges that families face during this critical period in their lives.

The project acknowledges and appreciates the dedication and hard work of the staff members involved in delivering its services. Additionally, the project recognises the support it receives from The National Lottery as one of its specific funders.

### Loughshore Minds Matter.

The Loughshore Mind Matter project aims to provide vital support to the rural community living along the southern shores of Lough Neagh. Our goal is to offer a variety of interventions and activities suitable for people of all ages, addressing the adverse effects of isolation experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic on their mental well-being.

The project coordinator, Hazel Boland, has actively engaged with local groups and collaborated with staff from the ABC Council and the Trust to secure additional support. Notably, we've facilitated the presence of the Cancer Focus Bus at various venues in recent months. This project is funded through the Department of health and the Community Foundation.

### Homespun Humour, Loosely Woven Art project

This project combines our rich cultural heritage of local folklore, music, and performance. Post-lockdown, our Senior Citizens were hesitant to resume activities at the Weekly Day Care Service, this project was aimed to encourage participation and engagement to unite our communities. It featured storytelling workshops, traditional crafts, and inter-generational events featuring stories, food, music, and dance. This project was funded by the Arts Council NI.

### Can Cook Will Cook project.

Through this project, Loughshore Care Partnership wanted to be proactive in encouraging those older people who attend the Day Care Centres and show them how easily it can be to enjoy making good nutritious meals when they are at home. Even if they are just cooking for one there is a lot of pleasure to be gained in having a delicious home cooked meal. Local lady Pauline Skelton delivered a series of cookery and food sampling demonstrations at each of the Day Care Centres and all participants received a slow cooker. This project was funded by the Community Foundation.

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We have been successful in gaining funding from different sources and without the dynamism and dedication of Mary Mc Alinden, this would not happen. Her diligence in dealing with the financial matters of LCP and her understanding of Community Development are crucial to LCP's success.


To those who have faced health challenges this year, we extend our warm wishes for a swift recovery and a return to full health.

For those who have experienced loss, both within the LCP and our senior citizens' groups, we offer our heartfelt condolences.

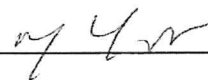
Challenges remain for LCP. We need new volunteers who share our commitment for the people in this area. We need to reach out to isolated people who may be unaware of our groups' activities. We will continue to look for funding to maintain and improve our support for the rural community we serve around the Loughshore. We remain hopeful and optimistic as we look forward to the future.

**Mary Yarr, Chairperson**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee



Trustee

**Loughshore Care Partnership**  
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of Loughshore Care Partnership for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the net income or expenditure of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

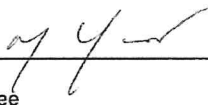
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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