

Loughshore Care Partnership TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

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 2025.

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 2025.

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 effective January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

Principal Activity

LCP delivers a range of services for older people, namely a volunteer led daycare service, a good morning service and a befriending service.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

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.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

The charity is an unincorporated organisation and is governed by its constitution. The Trustees have ultimate legal and financial responsibility for the affairs of Loughshore Care Partnership and manage the day to day affairs of the charity themselves. Board meetings are held on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. All trustees undertake an induction process which covers their roles, responsibilities and main duties, etc.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activity, the Balance Sheet and related notes contained within these financial accounts.

Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the company has assets of £109,045 (2024 - £106,144) and liabilities of £720 (2024 - £1,130). The net assets of the company have increased by £3,311.

Reserves Position and Policy

In recent years, the voluntary / charity sector has faced significant financial difficulties as a whole and the Trustees acknowledge that LCP operates in an environment where there will always be uncertainty over future income streams and expenditure requirements given the possibility that unforeseen expenses and liabilities that will emerge.

Against this background it is considered good practice to seek to build some financial reserves which will allow us to meet future commitments or unforeseen expenses without a negative impact on our ability to deliver our services or develop our business in the manner planned.

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By holding reserves we are able to:

1. Absorb setbacks and take advantage of change and opportunity;
2. Demonstrate that we have thought through how we might secure our viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term;
3. Demonstrate to potential funders that we are effectively managing our resources, and have given consideration to our long-term plans and viability.

There is no absolute level of free reserves that we as an organisation should hold but when looking at the level of free reserves consideration should include:

1. How secure is our present funding?
2. How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?
3. If the organisation had to close, how long would it take to wind up in an orderly manner?
4. What costs could be involved in winding up? - consider:
 - a. Redundancy costs
 - b. Other staffing liabilities including maternity / paternity pay
 - c. Legal and accountancy costs

As a general guide an acceptable level of free reserve might be considered to be:

1. Sufficient free reserves to provide cover for between 3 - 6 months in relation to known liabilities; and
2. An additional provision of unrestricted reserves for unforeseen liabilities.

LCP continues to review and update its reserves policy on an annual basis to take account of any change in circumstance.

Trustees

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

Kevin Fox
Edith Stevenson
Mary Statford
Mary Yarr
Mary McAlinden

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 pro-actively 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)

Loughshore Care Partnership Chairman's Report

The senior citizens' groups, under Loughshore Care Partnership (LCP), continue to provide vital support to older adults in the rural Loughshore catchment area. We are delighted that new members and volunteers have joined our groups—they are very welcome.

Our group volunteers have demonstrated outstanding loyalty and dedication, ensuring that our older adults have a safe and friendly space to chat, build friendships, and participate in a variety of activities. They deserve great credit for their commitment to their community. Volunteers also continue to encourage new members and support those hesitant to return to the clubs through regular phone calls.

Senior Social Clubs and Arts Initiatives

Our Senior Social Clubs (formerly Day Care Service) continue to thrive, offering a wide range of social and recreational activities. During the past year, LCP successfully delivered an Arts Council NI grant project led by artist Bruce White, bringing creative experiences directly to our members.

Acknowledging Our Funders

Without our funders, we would not be able to provide such a varied programme of activities. Our funders include Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT), Department of Communities, ABC Council, Department of Health, Arts Council NI, and local businesses such as, Tesco, and Wilsons Potatoes, and Kestrel Foods.

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We are particularly grateful to SHSCT, with whom we have a Service Level Agreement. This partnership is extremely valuable, allowing us to meet the venue hire costs of each group, administration, and general running costs. Their advice, support, and regular meetings with our committee continue to be positive and beneficial.

We also thank DART Partnership for their significant assistance in providing transport to the clubs each week. Many of the drivers are volunteers, and they carry out their tasks with care and consideration for the elderly.

Action Plan

The three-year action plan for 2024–2026 has been unanimously endorsed by LCP as our strategic direction. We are now working towards the delivery of this plan, which serves as a valuable tool to guide our work. Key initiatives are already underway across our groups and services, helping us achieve the objectives outlined in the plan.

Loughshore Minds Matter Project

The Loughshore Minds Matter project concluded in December 2024. This project provided crucial support to people of all ages living in the rural Loughshore area.

The project coordinator, Hazel Boland, was actively engaged with local groups and worked with ABC Council and SHSCT staff to secure additional support. Notably, we facilitated visits from the Cancer Focus Bus to various venues in the Loughshore area, through the Verve network we were able to bring the Cancer Bus back to the area again in recent months. Funded through the Department of Health and the Community Foundation, this project brought energy, creativity, and new experiences to our user groups and participants. The outcomes were excellent and showed how the work of Loughshore Care Partnership is making a real difference in the lives of those who live in the south Lough Neagh area.

Verve Healthy Living Network

LCP is now part of the Verve Healthy Living Network, covering the rural south Lough Neagh area. Membership brings significant benefits, including access to health and wellbeing programmes tailored to local needs, focusing on healthy lifestyles, mental and emotional wellbeing, and social inclusion. The partnership strengthens community engagement, increases the availability of health resources, and provides opportunities for shared learning with other network members.

Hazel, our Loughshore Community Health Champion, has maintained active engagement with the groups, providing health advice and support. She has also been present at various community events and family fun days across the Loughshore area as part of the Verve Healthy Living Network work.

A Big Thank You to Our Volunteers

LCP extends heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers for their dedication and commitment. Their efforts serve as an inspiring example of community involvement. We encourage new volunteers to participate, dedicating a few hours each week to any of our groups. Volunteering remains one of the most meaningful ways to contribute to the community and connect with others.

Acknowledging Our Team and Offering Support

Despite challenges in the funding landscape, we have continued to secure significant financial support. This success is largely due to the dynamism and dedication of Mary McAlinden, whose meticulous management of LCP's finances and deep understanding of community development have been instrumental.

We send our warmest wishes to those who have faced health challenges this year, wishing them a swift recovery, and extend our condolences to those who have experienced loss.

Looking to the Future

Challenges remain for LCP. New volunteers are always needed who share our commitment to supporting local people. We also need to reach out to those more isolated individuals who may be unaware of our groups' activities by promoting awareness of the work we do. LCP is developing a social media presence and is currently producing posters and flyers for the 2026/2027 Senior Social Clubs programme of activities.

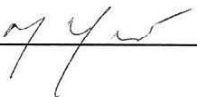
We remain hopeful and optimistic as we continue to maintain and improve our support for the rural community around the Loughshore.

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mary McAlinden
Trustee



Mary Yarr
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

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.

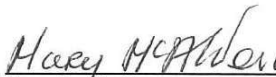
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- 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.

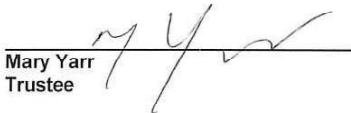
The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

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 the Companies Act 2006. 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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Mary McAlinden
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