

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101460

## Details

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Known as	BIG
Status	Received
Registered	2015-06-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** Provide and maintain a Forum where member organisations can join together to identify the needs of the Ballybeen area (the "area of benefit"), find mutual support, exchange views, share common issues and information, create a collective voice for the community and voluntary sector and work in partnership with statutory agencies and authorities to improve the delivery and targeting of services. Advance community development in the area of benefit and in particular the promotion of the community and voluntary sector for the benefit of the public by providing training, support, information, facilities and amenities to, and promote good practice among, community and voluntary groups. Facilitate environmental improvement and promote renewal of the area of benefit. Relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage. Promote good community relations, religious and racial harmony and equality and diversity.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,General public,Specific areas of deprivation,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£69,403	£62,247	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Craig Mullan		
Mr Glenn Maxwell		
Mr Neil Shields		
Mr Noel Large		
Mr Paul-James Campbell		
Mr Richard John Best		
Mrs Caroline Birch		
Rev Paul Norman William Maxwell		
Rev Richard Mcilhatton		

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**

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# Accounts

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**Ballybeen Improvement Group**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	-	-	-	1,140
Charitable activities	<b>4</b>	43,466	25,937	69,403	113,001
		<u>43,466</u>	<u>25,937</u>	<u>69,403</u>	<u>114,141</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities	<b>5</b>	(17,191)	(45,056)	(62,247)	(86,777)
<b>NET INCOME</b>					
		26,275	(19,119)	7,156	27,364
Transfers between funds	<b>13</b>	(9,793)	9,793	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>					
		16,482	(9,326)	7,156	27,364
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		54,096	9,326	63,422	36,058
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>13</b>	<u>70,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,578</u>	<u>63,422</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**  
**Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure**  
**Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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		<b>2024</b>	
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>			
Donations and legacies	1,140	-	1,140
Charitable activities	52,179	60,822	113,001
	<u>53,319</u>	<u>60,822</u>	<u>114,141</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>			
Charitable activities	(24,988)	(61,789)	(86,777)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	28,331	(967)	27,364
Transfers between funds	(3,000)	3,000	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	25,331	2,033	27,364
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>			
Total funds brought forward	28,765	7,293	36,058
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>54,096</u></u>	<u><u>9,326</u></u>	<u><u>63,422</u></u>

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**Ballybeen Improvement Group  
Balance Sheet  
As At 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	6,559	-	6,559	10,830
Cash at bank and in hand		65,035	18,155	83,190	53,958
		71,594	18,155	89,749	64,788
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	<b>10</b>	(1,016)	(18,155)	(19,171)	(1,366)
		70,578	-	70,578	63,422
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>					
		70,578	-	70,578	63,422
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		70,578	-	70,578	63,422
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		70,578	-	70,578	63,422
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Restricted Funds				-	9,326
Unrestricted Funds				70,578	54,096
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>13</b>			70,578	63,422

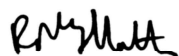
For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board



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Rev R McIlhatton

Trustee  
Date 19 Dec 2025

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

# **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **1. General Information**

Ballybeen Improvement Group is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in Northern Ireland, registered number NI611583 and registered charity number 101460. The registered office is Unit 7 Craigleith Drive, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2QP.

#### **2. Accounting Policies**

##### **2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

###### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

###### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

###### **Basis of preparation**

Ballybeen Improvement Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity. The level of rounding is to the nearest £1.

###### **Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

###### **Income and endowments**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

###### **Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

###### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

###### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

###### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of The Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

###### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

###### **Cash and cash equivalents**

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**Ballybeen Improvement Group**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements - continued**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

**Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**3. Income from Donations and Legacies**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	-	1,140
	-	1,140

**4. Income from Charitable Activities**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
DFC	-	14,143	14,143	22,904
NIHE	-	3,500	3,500	3,500
LCCC	-	8,141	8,141	9,018
Groundworks	-	-	-	24,400
Pitch Income	43,466	-	43,466	52,179
Other income	-	153	153	1,000
	43,466	25,937	69,403	113,001

**5. Analysis of Expenditure**

	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Activities</b>
	<b>undertaken</b>
	<b>directly</b>
	<b>£</b>
Running costs	62,247
	62,247
	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Activities</b>
	<b>undertaken</b>
	<b>directly</b>
	<b>£</b>
Running costs	86,777
	86,777

**6. Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

Independent examination fee is £840 (2024 £770)

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**7. Staff Costs**

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	7,923	16,272
Other pension costs	678	524
	8,601	16,796
	8,601	16,796

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

Average number of employees during the year was: 1 (2024: 2)

**8. Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**9. Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	6,559	10,830
	6,559	10,830
	6,559	10,830

**10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	-	169
Accruals and deferred income	19,171	1,197
	19,171	1,366
	19,171	1,366

**11. Deferred Income**

Deferred income movements in the year were as follows:

**12. Pension Commitments**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £678 (2024: £524).

At the balance sheet date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

**13. Movement in Funds**

	<b>As at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	54,096	43,466	(17,191)	(9,793)	70,578
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds	9,326	25,937	(45,056)	9,793	-
	63,422	69,403	(62,247)	-	70,578
<b>Total funds</b>	63,422	69,403	(62,247)	-	70,578

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	28,765	53,319	(24,988)	(3,000)	54,096
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds	7,293	60,822	(61,789)	3,000	9,326
<b>Total funds</b>	36,058	114,141	(86,777)	-	63,422

**14. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

**15. Related Party Disclosures**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure, except for those disclosed in the Transactions with Trustees note.

**16. Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101460

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# Accounts

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## Ballybeen Improvement Group

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	1,140	-	1,140	-
Charitable activities	4	<u>52,179</u>	<u>60,822</u>	<u>113,001</u>	<u>70,832</u>
Total income		<u>53,319</u>	<u>60,822</u>	<u>114,141</u>	<u>70,832</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	<u>(24,988)</u>	<u>(61,790)</u>	<u>(86,778)</u>	<u>(64,647)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(24,988)</u>	<u>(61,790)</u>	<u>(86,778)</u>	<u>(64,647)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		28,331	(968)	27,363	6,185
Transfers between funds		<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		25,331	2,032	27,363	6,185
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>28,765</u>	<u>7,293</u>	<u>36,058</u>	<u>29,873</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>54,096</u></u>	<u><u>9,325</u></u>	<u><u>63,421</u></u>	<u><u>36,058</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 12.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**  
**(Registration number: NI611583)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	10,830	628
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>53,957</u>	<u>35,910</u>
		64,787	36,538
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(1,366)</u>	<u>(480)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>63,421</u></u>	<u><u>36,058</u></u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds		9,325	7,293
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>54,096</u>	<u>28,765</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	12	<u><u>63,421</u></u>	<u><u>36,058</u></u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 24 Dec 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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 Rev R McIlhatton  
 Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in , and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Unit 7 Craigleith Drive,  
Dundonald  
Belfast  
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### 2 Accounting policies

#### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis of preparation

Ballybeen Improvement Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity. The level of rounding is to the nearest £1.

#### Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

#### Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

## **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

#### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

## Ballybeen Improvement Group

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	1,140	1,140
<b>Total for 2024</b>	1,140	1,140
<b>Total for 2023</b>	-	-

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
Community Support	-	-	-	3,500
Festivals	-	-	-	3,450
DFC	-	22,904	22,904	32,143
NIHE	-	3,500	3,500	-
LCCC	-	9,018	9,018	-
Groundworks	-	24,400	24,400	-
Good Relations	-	-	-	2,512
Pitch Income	52,179	-	52,179	24,698
Other Income	-	1,000	1,000	2,019
Other Grant	-	-	-	2,510
	52,179	60,822	113,001	70,832

#### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Running costs	<b>Note</b>	24,988	61,790	86,778	64,647

## Ballybeen Improvement Group

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

#### 7 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

#### 8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 9 Debtors

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Trade debtors	10,059	628
Accrued income	771	-
	<u>10,830</u>	<u>628</u>

#### 10 Cash and cash equivalents

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Cash at bank	<u>53,957</u>	<u>35,910</u>

#### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Other creditors	169	480
Accruals	1,197	-
	<u>1,366</u>	<u>480</u>

## Ballybeen Improvement Group

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

#### 12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	28,765	53,319	(24,988)	(3,000)	54,096
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<u>7,293</u>	<u>60,822</u>	<u>(61,790)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>9,325</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>36,058</u></u>	<u><u>114,141</u></u>	<u><u>(86,778)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>63,421</u></u>

#### 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Current assets	62,755	2,032	64,787
Current liabilities	<u>(1,366)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,366)</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u><u>61,389</u></u>	<u><u>2,032</u></u>	<u><u>63,421</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Current assets	29,245	7,293	36,538
Current liabilities	<u>(480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(480)</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u><u>28,765</u></u>	<u><u>7,293</u></u>	<u><u>36,058</u></u>



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**Ballybeen Improvement Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101460

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# Annual report

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Company registration number: NI611583

Charity registration number: 101460

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

# **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

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## **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Rev JW Cheshire Rev P Maxwell Mr W Livingstone Rev R McIlhatton Ms T Hughes Mr C Mullan Mr G Maxwell Mr N Shields
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	101460
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI611583
<b>Registered Office</b>	Unit 7 Craigleith Drive, Dundonald Belfast BT16 2QP
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	RBCA Limited RBCA Limited Linenhall Exchange 26 Linenhall Street Belfast BT2 8BG

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

## Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity are as follows:

- Building relationships, initiating positive change and growing potential.
- Aspire to be a welcoming and thriving community at peace and unity with itself, working towards an all-inclusive society, where all are valued contributors towards a positive future.
- The advancement of health or the saving of lives.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity.
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Through these objectives the charity aims to:

- facilitate and support information sharing to strengthen relations to collaborate and gain better opportunities for the area.
- build community capacity and improve educational aspirations.
- develop the local surroundings, rejuvenate the area and make it an enhanced environment.
- support and assist those in need; by reducing isolation, encourage engagement and promote inclusion.
- encourage good community relations to enable a cohesive and inclusive community to flourish and to be advocates for equity, equality and diversity.

In setting out the objectives for the charity and planning 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 purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

## Trustees' Report

### **Public benefit**

The charity is about building relationships, Initiating positive change and Growing potential. The charity aspires to be a welcoming and thriving community at peace and unity with itself, working towards an all-inclusive society, where all are valued contributors towards a positive future.

The direct benefits are to facilitate and support information sharing to strengthen relations to collaborate and gain better opportunities for the area. The charities beneficiaries are the residents in the area of benefit (Ballybeen), There may be some incidental benefit arising from training and how participants apply what they have learned. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are to promote and implement best practise to build community capacity and improve educational aspirations. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are to develop the local surroundings, rejuvenate the area and make it an enhanced environment.

These benefits will be evidenced through feedback from members and beneficiaries, monitoring and evaluation forms and government statistics. The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is to encourage good community relations to enable a cohesive and inclusive community to flourish and to be advocates for equity, equality and diversity.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Overview**

All work done within the Ballybeen Improvement Group is based on community development principles. As an umbrella organisation, BIG is regarded as playing an integral part in fostering improved community cohesion, promoting community participation, and assisting with community planning and regeneration. In collaboration with the Ballybeen community, BIG has created, maintained, and expanded networks with the voluntary, public, and statutory sectors over this past year. Through engaging with community committees and the existing sub-groups, which also have representation from these sectors, communication is taking place. The reporting period is representative of all achievements for the financial year of 2023-24 and the 5th year taking on the Department for Communities contract independently. During this period, there was continued growth in responsibility and workload increase with regards to Governance and oversight from the board.

#### **Building Relationships**

We place a high importance on our working partnerships. Throughout the reporting period, we have continued maintain important connections with statutory organisations like the Department for Communities, the PSNI, the NIHE, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, and our member groups-particularly those that depend on BIG's support to thrive. We have also fostered relationships with our council members, MLAs, and the MP for East Belfast, to whom we have been able to reach out and request assistance as required. Above all, we have established productive working connections with the Ballybeen community.

#### **Funding and Sub-Group's**

There were 11 funding streams utilised during this period, which enabled us to engage in a number of activities and events during 2023-24. During this period there were 8 Directors' meetings. In addition, 24 sub-group meetings were also held including:

- x8 Sports Hub committee
- x4 Health and Wellbeing
- x11 Finance and Governance
- x1 Youth, Education and Employment
- x2 PSNI Surgeries

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

## Trustees' Report

### Achievements To Date Include

- Cultural Art and learning took place for the Pride of Ballybeen Band working to reimagine the Flute band mural and celebrate their 10th Anniversary.
- Daily Help Clinics to support local residents
- Weekly Men's Club to promote positive mental health and combat social isolation
- Continued development of the Sport Pitches with the addition of an outdoor gym and a new online pitch booking system.
- Summer Football Academy took place and was a successful event with over 60 young people in attendance, and supported by Dungoyne F.C.
- The July Family Fun Day was a successful event with over 1000 in attendance.
- King's Coronation Fun Day Event was successfully run with over 1000 in attendance.
- Christmas Light Switch on Fun Day event with between 1000-1200 in attendance and the Brooklands Christmas Choir.
- Community Carol Service with over 300 in attendance.

### Going Forward

During this period, our Community Development Officer carried out a community survey to best understand the needs of the community for moving forward. The findings have contributed to a better understanding of Ballybeen's eight grassroots issues, and continue to inform our programmes and activities. The key grassroots issues include:

- Educational Attainment
- Housing Rights
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Policing
- Community Participation
- Cost of Living
- Banned Substances
- Dog Fouling

Having a better understanding of these problems will enable us to focus our practice on meeting community needs even more successfully, moving forward.

### Financial review

The charity's incoming resources totalled £114,141 for the year ended 31 March 2024 with corresponding expenditure of £86,778 producing a surplus for the year of £27,363..

At the year end, the charity's reserves amounted to £63,421 of which £9,325 were restricted.

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

## Trustees' Report

### Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Rev JW Cheshire
	Rev P Maxwell
	Mr W Livingstone
	Rev R McIlhatton
	Ms T Hughes
	Mr C Mullan
	Mr G Maxwell
	Mr N Shields

### Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 7 March 2012.

The company was established under Articles of Association which set out the objects and powers of the charitable company and the company is governed by these Articles. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Ballybeen Improvement Group is in compliance with legal and other government obligations. The company was formally granted charitable status by the Northern Ireland Charities Commission on 5 June 2015.

### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ballybeen Improvement Group for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

## Ballybeen Improvement Group

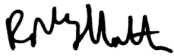
### Trustees' Report

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Small companies provision statement**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 24 Dec 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Rev R McIlhatton  
Trustee

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101460

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# Annual return

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## Ballybeen Improvement Group

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ballybeen Improvement Group ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Ballybeen Improvement Group (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Ballybeen Improvement Group are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ('the 2008 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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; and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*Brian Stewart*

.....  
Brian Stewart  
RBCA Limited

Linenhall Exchange  
26 Linenhall Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8BG

Date:..... 24 Dec 2024

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101460

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# Accounts

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**Ballybeen Improvement Group****Company Limited by Guarantee****Statement of Financial Activities  
(including income and expenditure account)****Year ended 31 March 2023**

		Unrestricted funds	2023 Restricted funds	Total funds	2022 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Charitable activities	4	26,717	44,115	70,832	89,474
<b>Total income</b>		<u>26,717</u>	<u>44,115</u>	<u>70,832</u>	<u>89,474</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5,6	16,795	47,852	64,647	73,201
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>16,795</u>	<u>47,852</u>	<u>64,647</u>	<u>73,201</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>9,922</u>	<u>(3,737)</u>	<u>6,185</u>	<u>16,273</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		18,843	11,030	29,873	13,600
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>28,765</u>	<u>7,293</u>	<u>36,058</u>	<u>29,873</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**Ballybeen Improvement Group****Company Limited by Guarantee****Statement of Financial Position****31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	628	4,240
Cash at bank and in hand		35,910	26,409
		<u>36,538</u>	<u>30,649</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>480</u>	<u>776</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>36,058</u>	<u>29,873</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>36,058</u>	<u>29,873</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		7,293	11,030
Unrestricted funds		<u>28,765</u>	<u>18,843</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	10	<u>36,058</u>	<u>29,873</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Rev R McIlhatton  
Trustee

# **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

##### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Unit 7 Craigleith Drive, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2QP.

##### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

##### **3. Accounting policies**

###### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

###### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

###### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

###### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

## Ballybeen Improvement Group

### Company Limited by Guarantee

#### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, *non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.*
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the *contractual provisions of the instrument.*

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Financial instruments *(continued)*

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

#### 4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Community Support	—	3,500	3,500
Community Facilities	—	—	—
Small Capital Grants	—	—	—
Festivals	—	3,450	3,450
Other income	2,019	—	2,019
DFC	—	32,143	32,143
Covid Grants	—	—	—
Other Grants	—	2,510	2,510
Good Relations	—	2,512	2,512
Pitch Income	24,698	—	24,698
	<u>26,717</u>	<u>44,115</u>	<u>70,832</u>

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 4. Charitable activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Community Support	-	4,730	4,730
Community Facilities	-	10,000	10,000
Small Capital Grants	-	3,479	3,479
Festivals	-	2,560	2,560
Other income	-	-	-
DFC	-	28,094	28,094
Covid Grants	-	2,333	2,333
Other Grants	1,400	11,990	13,390
Good Relations	-	3,750	3,750
Pitch Income	21,138	-	21,138
	<u>22,538</u>	<u>66,936</u>	<u>89,474</u>

#### 5. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Running costs	<u>16,795</u>	<u>47,852</u>	<u>64,647</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Running costs	<u>14,216</u>	<u>58,985</u>	<u>73,201</u>

#### 6. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Running costs	<u>64,647</u>	<u>64,647</u>	<u>73,201</u>

#### 7. Trustee remuneration and expenses

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year.

#### 8. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	628	4,000
Prepayments and accrued income	-	240
	<u>628</u>	<u>4,240</u>

# Ballybeen Improvement Group

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

## 9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>480</u>	<u>776</u>

## 10. Analysis of charitable funds

### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023
General funds	<u>18,843</u>	<u>26,717</u>	<u>(16,795)</u>	<u>28,765</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2022
General funds	<u>10,521</u>	<u>22,538</u>	<u>(14,216)</u>	<u>18,843</u>

### Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023
Restricted Fund	<u>11,030</u>	<u>44,115</u>	<u>(47,852)</u>	<u>7,293</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2022
Restricted Fund	<u>3,079</u>	<u>66,936</u>	<u>(58,985)</u>	<u>11,030</u>

## 11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	<u>28,765</u>	<u>7,293</u>	<u>36,058</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
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**Ballybeen Improvement Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101460

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# Annual report

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI611583  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 101460

**Ballybeen Improvement Group  
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# **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

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## **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Reference and administrative details**

**Registered charity name** Ballybeen Improvement Group

**Charity registration number** 101460

**Company registration number** NI611583

**Principal office and registered office** Unit 7 Craigleith Drive  
Dundonald  
Belfast  
BT16 2QP

### **The trustees**

Ms T Hughes  
Mr W Livingstone  
Rev R McIlhatton  
Mr C Mullan  
Mr N Shields  
Rev JW Cheshire  
Mr G Maxwell  
Rev P Maxwell

**Independent examiner** Elaine Mulholland for and on behalf of Johnston Graham Limited  
216/218 Holywood Road  
Belfast  
BT4 1PD

### **Structure, governance and management**

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## **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

### **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

#### **Year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Objectives and activities**

The objectives of the charity are as follows:

- Building relationships, initiating positive change and growing potential.
- Aspire to be a welcoming and thriving community at peace and unity with itself, working towards an all-inclusive society, where all are valued contributors towards a positive future.
- The advancement of health or the saving of lives.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or racial harmony or equality and diversity.
- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Through these objectives the charity aims to:

- *facilitate and support information sharing to strengthen relations to collaborate and gain better opportunities for the area.*
- build community capacity and improve educational aspirations.
- develop the local surroundings, rejuvenate the area and make it an enhanced environment.
- support and assist those in need; by reducing isolation, encourage engagement and promote inclusion.
- encourage good community relations to enable a cohesive and inclusive community to flourish and to be advocates for equity, equality and diversity.

In setting out the objectives for the charity and planning 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 purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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#### ***Achievements and performance***

##### **Overview**

All work done within the Ballybeen Improvement Group is based on community development principles. As an umbrella organisation, BIG is regarded as playing an integral part in fostering improved community cohesion, promoting community participation, and assisting with community planning and regeneration. In collaboration with the Ballybeen community, BIG has created, maintained, and expanded networks with the voluntary, public, and statutory sectors over this past year. Through engaging with community committees and the existing sub-groups, which also have representation from these sectors, communication is taking place. The reporting period is representative of all achievements for the financial year of 2022-23 and the 4th year taking on the Department for Communities contract independently. During this period, there was continued growth in responsibility and workload increase with regards to Governance and oversight from the board.

##### **Building Relationships**

We place a high importance on our working partnerships. Throughout the reporting period, we have established and maintained important connections with statutory organisations like the Department for Communities, the PSNI, the NIHE, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, and our member groups-particularly those that depend on BIG's support to thrive-as well as with our council members, MLAs, and the MP for East Belfast, to whom we have been able to reach out and request assistance. Above all, we have established productive working connections with the Ballybeen community.

##### **Funding and Sub-Group's**

There were 8 funding streams utilised during this period, which enabled us to engage in many activities and events 2022-23. During this period 20 sub-group meetings were also held including:

- x8 Sports Hub committee
- x4 Health and Wellbeing
- x1 Policy and Practice
- x1 Finance and Personnel
- x1 Greenway Focus Group Conversations
- 5 PSNI Surgeries

##### **Achievements To Date**

-Cultural learning took place for the Pride of Ballybeen Band thanks to the Good Relations funding. The Good Relations Project included the education of young people via museums, history days and a residential.

-The CO-MENT programme took place in BIG's office space to host an outside programme to learn skills for life, employment, support, and digital equipment.

-Ukraine Appeal took place which involved collecting clothes and goods to be sent to Ukraine as a result of the war that had broken out at the time.

-BIG hosted a good practice visit for the BAND project (Build Advocate Nurture Develop), for members to learn about the array of services, support & activities available within the community.

-Ranger's Academy took place and was a successful event with 50 young people in attendance.

-The July Family Fun Day was a successful event with 1000 in attendance.

-Longstone Beacon Project took place as an initiative for the 12th and for young people, along with a firework display.

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-Men's Club bowls championship took place at the Men's Club.

-Annual Christmas Event took place with the Brooklands Christmas Choir taking part in another successful Christmas event.

### **Going Forward**

Our Community Development Officer has recently carried out a community survey to best understand the needs of the community for moving forward. The findings have contributed to a better understanding of Ballybeen's eight grassroots issues. These key issues include.

- Educational Attainment
- Housing Rights
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Policing
- Community Participation
- Cost of Living
- Banned Substances
- Dog Fouling

Having a better understanding of these problems will enable us to focus our practice on meeting community needs even more successfully, moving forward.

### **Financial review**

The charity's incoming resources totalled £70,832 for the year ended 31 March 2023 with corresponding expenditure of £64,647 producing a surplus for the year of £6,185.

At the year end, the charity's reserves amounted to £36,058 of which £28,765 were unrestricted.

### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 19 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Rev R McIlhatton  
Trustee

**Ballybeen Improvement Group**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101460

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# Annual return

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## **Ballybeen Improvement Group**

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ballybeen Improvement Group**

**Year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Ballybeen Improvement Group ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Elaine Mulholland*

Elaine Mulholland for and on behalf of Johnston Graham Limited  
Independent Examiner

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