

Cushendall Development Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101601

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-02-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to relieve poverty, sickness and the aged and to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Cushendall District (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') without distinction of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnic origin, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, 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, Arts, Community development, Counselling/support, Cultural, Disability, Economic development, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Grant making, Heritage/historical, Medical/health/sickness, Rural development, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Welfare/benevolent, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Carers, Community safety/crime prevention, Ethnic minorities, General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Specific areas of deprivation, Tenants, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£51,788	£67,727	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Maeve Mcalister		
Mr Andrew Mcalister		
Mr Donal Kearney		
Mr Eamon Gillan		
Mr Francis Mccurry		
Mr Liam O'hagan		
Mrs Bernadette Delargy		
Mrs Bernadette Harvey		
Mrs Hazel Delargy Delargy		
Ms Ann Mclaughlin		

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Accounts

Cushendall Development Group
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for the year ended
31 March 2025

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Cushendall Development Group

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- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included 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:

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3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
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.



Una McKillop FCA
Chartered Accountants Ireland

51 Springwell Street
Ballymena
Co Antrim
BT43 6AT

10 September 2025

Cushendall Development Group

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership fees		2,074		1,522
Office services		6,069		5,974
Sale of Focus books		585		793
Hire of conference room		5,931		3,204
Admin fee for Cushendall Development Group Ltd		20,400		20,400
Donations received		220		400
Bank interest receivable		134		85
Heart of the Glens Festival administrative income		3,781		4,149
St Mary's Parish Administrative Income		500		500
Causeway Coast and Glens grant received		4,750		4,999
Clear Small grant received		800		-
DAERA grant receivable		1,127		-
National Lottery Community Fund grant		5,417		27,167
Total income		51,788		69,193

Cushendall Development Group

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
Rent payable	2,145		2,145	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,317		4,747	
Light and heat	1,445		1,775	
Telephone	1,457		963	
Wages	35,851		32,619	
Staff pension costs	701		604	
Training and travelling	2,215		276	
Membership	55		50	
Repairs and maintenance	3,491		1,144	
Bank charges	97		92	
Insurance	560		545	
Charity donations	766		132	
NACN Volunteer strategy	1,925		1,925	
Strategic plan	6,510		-	
Events and courses	3,715		1,480	
NACN administrative fees	426		2,498	
Computer costs	1,950		2,069	
General expenses	1,040		837	
Depreciation on fixtures and equipment	1,061		732	
Total expenditure		<u>67,727</u>		<u>54,633</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure/ (Expenditure over Income)		<u>(15,939)</u>		<u>14,560</u>


Cushendall Development Group

Balance sheet at 31 March 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2025</i>		<i>2024</i>	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Fixtures and fittings	3		13,934		10,611
			<u>13,934</u>		<u>10,611</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	4	-		7,583	
Cash at bank		14,950		24,823	
Cash in hand		83		3	
		<u>15,033</u>		<u>32,409</u>	
Current liabilities					
PAYE account	5	384		301	
Other creditors and accruals		2,690		1,526	
		<u>3,713</u>		<u>1,827</u>	
Excess of current assets over current liabilities			<u>11,320</u>		<u>30,582</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>25,254</u>		<u>41,193</u>
Net assets			<u>25,254</u>		<u>41,193</u>
Retained reserves					
Profit and loss account at beginning of year			41,193		26,633
Add excess of income over expenditure			(15,939)		14,560
/(Deduct Expenditure over Income)					
Capital employed	7		<u>25,254</u>		<u>41,193</u>

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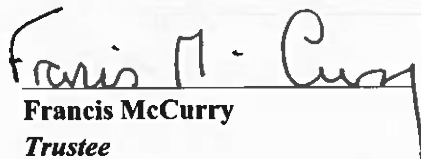
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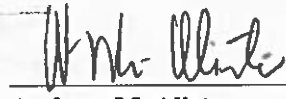
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Francis McCurry
Trustee



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Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board.

1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets

All tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

1.4. Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than land and investment properties, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 10 % reducing balance
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The useful economic lives and residual values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually and when necessary, revised.

2. Operating (loss)/profit

2025

2024

£

£

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation and amounts written off assets :

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned

1,061

732

Total depreciation and amortisation

1,061

732

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Notes

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(forming part of the financial statements)

3. Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Fixtures and fittings</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£
<i>Cost :</i>		
At 1 April 2024	16,583	16,583
Additions	4,384	4,384
At 31 March 2025	<u>20,967</u>	<u>20,967</u>
<i>Depreciation :</i>		
At 1 April 2024	5,972	5,972
Charge for the year	1,061	1,061
At 31 March 2025	<u>7,033</u>	<u>7,033</u>
<i>Net book values :</i>		
At 31 March 2025	<u>13,934</u>	<u>13,934</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>10,611</u>	<u>10,611</u>

4. Debtors

	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Other debtors	-	7,583
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,583</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
	£	£
Bank and other loans (note 6)	639	-
Pension account	384	301
Other creditors	1,080	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,610	1,526
	<u>3,713</u>	<u>1,827</u>

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Notes

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(forming part of the financial statements)

6. Bank and other loans	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank and other loans comprise amounts repayable:		
In one year or less, or on demand	639	-
	639	-
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7. Reconciliation of movements in reserves	2025	2024
	£	£
(Loss)/profit for the year	(15,939)	14,560
Opening reserves	41,193	26,633
Capital employed	25,254	41,193
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31 August 2024

Cushendall Development Group

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership fees	1,522		1,634	
Office services	5,974		4,813	
Sale of Focus books	793		773	
Hire of conference room	3,204		2,241	
Admin fee for Cushendall Development Group Ltd	20,400		20,400	
Donations received	400		320	
Bank interest receivable	85		18	
Heart of the Glens Festival administrative income	4,149		3,724	
St Mary's Parish Administrative Income	500		500	
Causeway Coast and Glens grant received	4,999		8,625	
DAERA grant receivable	-		1,286	
National Lottery Community Fund grant	27,167		-	
Total income	69,193		44,334	

Cushendall Development Group

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
Rent payable	2,145		2,145	
Printing, postage and stationery	4,747		4,368	
Light and heat	1,775		997	
Telephone	963		941	
Wages	32,619		30,884	
Staff pension costs	604		518	
Training and travelling	276		153	
Membership	50		70	
Repairs and maintenance	1,144		1,267	
Bank charges	92		92	
Insurance	545		545	
Charity donations	132		2,100	
NACN Volunteer strategy	1,925		-	
Video promotion costs	-		840	
Events and courses	1,480		450	
NACN administrative fees	2,498		2,066	
Computer costs	2,069		-	
General expenses	837		865	
Depreciation on fixtures and equipment	732		676	
Total expenditure		<u>54,633</u>		<u>48,977</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure/ (Expenditure over Income)		<u>14,560</u>		<u>(4,643)</u>

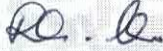
Cushendall Development Group

Balance sheet at 31 March 2024

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2024</i>		<i>2023</i>	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Fixtures and fittings	3		<u>10,611</u>		<u>7,329</u>
			<u>10,611</u>		<u>7,329</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	4	7,583		8,415	
Cash at bank		24,823		12,835	
Cash in hand		3		3	
		<u>32,409</u>		<u>21,253</u>	
Current liabilities	5				
PAYE account		301		221	
Other creditors and accruals		1,526		1,728	
		<u>1,827</u>		<u>1,949</u>	
Excess of current assets over current liabilities			<u>30,582</u>		<u>19,304</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>41,193</u>		<u>26,633</u>
Net assets			<u>41,193</u>		<u>26,633</u>
Retained reserves					
Profit and loss account at beginning of year			26,633		31,276
Add excess of income over expenditure			14,560		(4,643)
/(Deduct Expenditure over Income)					
Capital employed	6		<u>41,193</u>		<u>26,633</u>

Cushendall Development Group

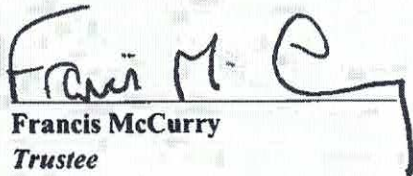
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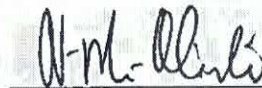
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Trustee



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2. Operating profit/(loss)

2024	2023
£	£

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation and amounts written off assets :

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned

732	676
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Total depreciation and amortisation

<u>732</u>	<u>676</u>
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Cushendall Development Group

Notes

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(forming part of the financial statements)

3. Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Fixtures and fittings</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£
<i>Cost :</i>		
At 1 April 2023	12,569	12,569
Additions	4,014	4,014
At 31 March 2024	<u>16,583</u>	<u>16,583</u>
<i>Depreciation :</i>		
At 1 April 2023	5,240	5,240
Charge for the year	732	732
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,972</u>	<u>5,972</u>
<i>Net book values :</i>		
At 31 March 2024	<u>10,611</u>	<u>10,611</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>7,329</u>	<u>7,329</u>

4. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	7,583	7,129
Prepayments	-	1,286
	<u>7,583</u>	<u>8,415</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Pension account	301	221
Accruals and deferred income	1,526	1,728
	<u>1,827</u>	<u>1,949</u>

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6. Reconciliation of movements in reserves

	2024	2023
	£	£
Profit/(loss) for the year	14,560	(4,643)
Opening reserves	<u>26,633</u>	<u>31,276</u>
Capital employed	<u><u>41,193</u></u>	<u><u>26,633</u></u>

Cushendall Development Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101601

Annual report

CUSHENDALL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

For the Year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees Annual Report

Charity Name:- Cushendall Development Group – NIC 101601

Charity Address:- Old Schoolhouse
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Trustees:-

The following served as trustees during the year and up to the date of this report

Bernadette Delargy (Chairperson)
Bernadette Harvey (Secretary)
Francis McCurry (Treasurer)
Andrew McAlister
Liam O'Hagan
Ann McLaughlin
Eamon Gillan
Donal Kearney
Hazel Imrie
Maeve McAlister

Accountants:- Park McKillop and Company
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Structure, Governance and Management:-

Cushendall Development Group (known as CDG) was formed in October 1990 in response to a growing realisation that locally based initiatives were needed to stimulate development in the village. Membership of the group is open to anyone living, working or interested in the area and presently there are over 140 members, made up of individuals, businesses and voluntary groups

The Committee shall meet at least 10 times in the year and shall consist of not less than 5 members and no more than 15 members as per election at AGM.

Cushendall Development Group employs and pays any person(s), not being a member of Committee to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the group and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of remuneration to employees.

The Hon Treasurer keeps proper accounts of the finances of the group. The financial year of the group runs from 1 April – 31 March annually.

The accounts are audited by an auditor/s as appointed at the Annual General Meeting. This year the auditor was Park McKillop & Co.

Purposes and Objectives of Cushendall Development Group

Provide or secure the provision of social services, educational and recreational facilities and practical assistance for elderly people, people with disabilities, people within the area of benefit.

Promote and carry out, or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and publish the useful results thereof.

Organise or assist in organising meetings, lectures, classes and exhibitions and publish or assist in publishing reports, periodicals, recordings, books or other documents or information.

Obtain, collect and receive money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful method, provided that the Association shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law

Recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objectives of the group.

Promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above objectives and to that end to work in association with local authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above objectives in the area of benefit.

Establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the above objectives.

Do all such other lawful things as may be necessary for the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.

Promote, encourage and advise community and individual development initiatives.
Seek to highlight issues of importance to people in the area.

To encourage more people to become involved in community development, particularly socially excluded groups

To support and promote the creation of additional employment

To encourage, social, recreational cultural and educational activities.

To support new and existing groups that are for the benefit of the community

Statement of Compliance:-

In setting out our objectives and carrying out our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to its beneficiaries.

Achievements and Performance:-

Cushendall Development Group (CDG) has worked hard to facilitate activities and events for the Cushendall Community. Cushendall Development Group continuously assess the needs of the local community and try hard to address these needs. CDG work closely with other community groups providing administration assistance to these groups and the wider community. CDG liaise with local government agencies for the needs of the local community.

Cushendall Focus continues to be produced during the year, which keeps the community updated on events that have just happened or planned for the near future.

The Environment Group continue to work tirelessly to plant and maintain flowers throughout the village.

The conference room in the Old Schoolhouse is now being used again by local businesses and community groups. Outside agencies are also using the room to engage with the community at local level.

Necessary training is held throughout the year for the benefit of the community, which helps provide volunteers and support to others.

Financial Review: -

All monies raised by or on behalf of the group are applied to further the objects of the group and for no other purpose, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of legitimate out-of-pocket expenses to members of the group engaged upon the approved business of the Cushendall Development Group.

Grants Applied and Received 2023-24

Community Dev Support Grant - £3500

These monies were provided by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to assist in the overheads involved in running the community building, e.g. Rates, Electric and heating etc.

Policing and Community Safety (PCSP) Small Grants Programme - £999

This money was used to install CCTV in the building.

Northern Area Community Network – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Community Development Model - £240

This money was secured to facilitate Cookery Classes.

Dormant Accounts NI Fund, National Lottery Community Fund - £38,000

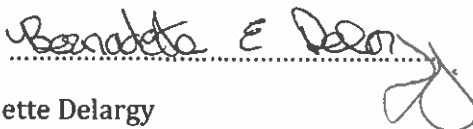
Money paid over next three years. Project includes development of Strategic and Funding Plan, a new Volunteer Strategy, development of new website, development of Educational Suite, upgrade of office equipment, networking and training for staff and Trustees.

Total income for this year end was £69,193

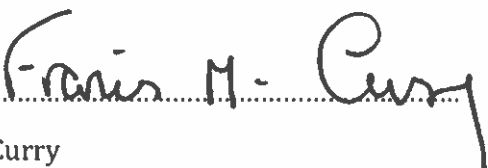
Total Expenditure for this year end was £54,633

Funds are held in reserve to cover any unexpected expenses.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed 
Bernadette Delargy

Chairperson

Signed 
Francis McCurry

Hon Treasurer

Cushendall Development Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101601

Annual return

Cushendall Development Group

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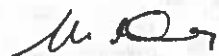
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Una McKillop FCA
Chartered Accountants Ireland

51 Springwell Street
Ballymena
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31 August 2024

Cushendall Development Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101601

Accounts

Cushendall Development Group
Charity No : 101601

Financial statements
for the year ended
31 March 2023

Cushendall Development Group

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Cushendall Development Group

Trustees, advisors and other information

TRUSTEES

Ann McLaughlin
Andrew McAlister
Francis McCurry
Bernadette Delargy
Bernadette Harvey
Maeve McAlister
Liam O'Hagan
Eamon Gillan
Donal Kearney
Hazel Imrie

SECRETARY

Bernadette Harvey

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Chartered Accountants
51 Springwell Street
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REGISTERED OFFICE

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Cushendall Development Group

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership fees		1,634		1,500
Office services		4,813		2,408
Sale of Focus books		773		744
Hire of conference room		2,241		2,054
Admin fee for Cushendall Development Group Ltd		20,400		20,400
Donations received		320		2,185
Bank interest receivable		18		1
Heart of the Glens Festival administrative income		3,724		1,105
NACN administrative contribution		-		17,430
St Mary's Parish Administrative Income		500		500
DFC Small capital grants programme		-		2,355
Causeway Coast and Glens grant received		8,625		2,500
NACN grants received		-		826
DAERA grant receivable		1,286		-
HMRC COVID SSP rebate		-		193
Total income		44,334		54,201

Cushendall Development Group

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure				
Rent payable	2,145		2,145	
Printing, postage and stationery	4,368		5,660	
Light and heat	997		1,561	
Telephone	941		1,223	
Wages	30,884		41,986	
Staff pension costs	518		698	
Training and travelling	153		168	
Membership	70		194	
Repairs and maintenance	1,267		2,025	
Bank charges	92		85	
Insurance	545		545	
Charity donations	2,100		50	
Video promotion costs	840		-	
Events and courses	450		1,550	
NACN administrative fees	2,066		-	
General expenses	865		1,134	
Depreciation on fixtures and equipment	676		751	
Total expenditure		48,977		59,775
Excess of Income over Expenditure/ (Expenditure over Income)		(4,643)		(5,574)

Cushendall Development Group

Balance sheet at 31 March 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2022</i>	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Fixtures and fittings	3		7,329		6,755
			<u>7,329</u>		<u>6,755</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	4	8,415		8,809	
Cash at bank		12,835		17,465	
Cash in hand		3		104	
		<u>21,253</u>		<u>26,378</u>	
Current liabilities	5				
PAYE account		221		345	
Other creditors and accruals		1,728		1,512	
		<u>1,949</u>		<u>1,857</u>	
Excess of current assets over current liabilities			19,304		24,521
Total assets less current liabilities			26,633		31,276
Net assets			26,633		31,276
Retained reserves					
Profit and loss account at beginning of year			31,276		36,850
Add excess of income over expenditure			(4,643)		(5,574)
/(Deduct Expenditure over Income)					
Capital employed	6		26,633		31,276

Cushendall Development Group

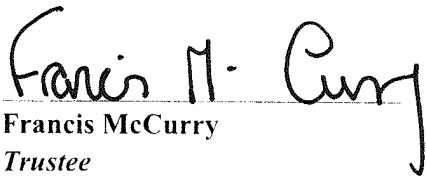
The foregoing balance sheet was drawn up on behalf of the trustees by Park, McKillop and Company and signed on 31 August 2023 below



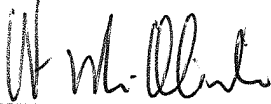
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The foregoing balance sheet was approved by the trustees on 31 August 2023 and signed on behalf of the trustees by



Francis M. Curry
Trustee



Andrew McAlister
Trustee

Cushendall Development Group

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board.

1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets

All tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

1.4. Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than land and investment properties, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings
and equipment - 10 % reducing balance

The useful economic lives and residual values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually and when necessary, revised.

2. Operating loss

2023	2022
£	£

Operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation and amounts written off assets :

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned	676	751
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Total depreciation and amortisation

	<u>676</u>	<u>751</u>
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Cushendall Development Group

Notes

(continued)

(forming part of the financial statements)

3. Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Fixtures and fittings</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£
<i>Cost :</i>		
At 1 April 2022	11,319	11,319
Additions	1,250	1,250
At 31 March 2023	12,569	12,569
<i>Depreciation :</i>		
At 1 April 2022	4,564	4,564
Charge for the year	676	676
At 31 March 2023	5,240	5,240
<i>Net book values :</i>		
At 31 March 2023	7,329	7,329
At 31 March 2022	6,755	6,755

4. Debtors

	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Other debtors	7,129	8,809
Prepayments	1,286	-
	8,415	8,809

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Pension account	221	345
Accruals and deferred income	1,728	1,512
	1,949	1,857

Cushendall Development Group

Notes

(continued)

(forming part of the financial statements)

6. Reconciliation of movements in reserves

	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
	£	£
Loss for the year	(4,643)	(5,574)
Opening reserves	31,276	36,850
Capital employed	<u>26,633</u>	<u>31,276</u>

Cushendall Development Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101601

Annual report

CUSHENDALL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

For the Year ended 31 March 2023

Trustees Annual Report

Charity Name:- Cushendall Development Group – NIC 101601

Charity Address:- Old Schoolhouse
25 Mill Street
CUSHENDALL
Co Antrim
BT44 0RR

Trustees:-

The following served as trustees during the year and up to the date of this report

Bernadette Delargy (Chairperson)
Bernadette Harvey (Secretary)
Francis McCurry (Treasurer)
Andrew McAlister
Liam O'Hagan
Ann McLaughlin
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Donal Kearney
Hazel Imrie
Maeve McAlister

Accountants:- Park McKillop and Company
51 Springwell Street
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Structure, Governance and Management:-

Cushendall Development Group (known as CDG) was formed in October 1990 in response to a growing realisation that locally based initiatives were needed to stimulate development in the village. Membership of the group is open to anyone living, working or interested in the area and presently there are over 140 members, made up of individuals, businesses and voluntary groups

The Committee shall meet at least 10 times in the year and shall consist of not less than 5 members and no more than 15 members as per election at AGM.

Cushendall Development Group employs and pays any person(s), not being a member of Committee to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the group and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of remuneration to employees.

The Hon Treasurer keeps proper accounts of the finances of the group. The financial year of the group runs from 1 April – 31 March annually.

The accounts are audited by an auditor/s as appointed at the Annual General Meeting. This year the auditor was Park McKillop & Co.

Purposes and Objectives of Cushendall Development Group

Provide or secure the provision of social services, educational and recreational facilities and practical assistance for elderly people, people with disabilities, people within the area of benefit.

Promote and carry out, or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and publish the useful results thereof.

Organise or assist in organising meetings, lectures, classes and exhibitions and publish or assist in publishing reports, periodicals, recordings, books or other documents or information.

Obtain, collect and receive money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful method, provided that the Association shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law

Recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objectives of the group.

Promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above objectives and to that end to work in association with local authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above objectives in the area of benefit.

Establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the above objectives.

Do all such other lawful things as may be necessary for the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.

Promote, encourage and advise community and individual development initiatives.
Seek to highlight issues of importance to people in the area.

To encourage more people to become involved in community development, particularly socially excluded groups

To support and promote the creation of additional employment

To encourage, social, recreational cultural and educational activities.

To support new and existing groups that are for the benefit of the community

Statement of Compliance:-

In setting out our objectives and carrying out our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission NI's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to its beneficiaries.

Achievements and Performance:-

Cushendall Development Group (CDG) has worked hard to facilitate activities and events for the Cushendall Community. Cushendall Development Group continuously assess the needs of the local community and try hard to address these needs. CDG work closely with other community groups providing administration assistance to these groups and the wider community. CDG liaise with local government agencies for the needs of the local community.

Cushendall Focus continues to be produced during the year, which keeps the community updated on events that have just happened or planned for the near future.

The Environment Group continue to work tirelessly to plant and maintain flowers throughout the village.

The conference room in the Old Schoolhouse is now being used again by local businesses and community groups. Outside agencies are also using the room to engage with the community at local level.

Necessary training is held throughout the year for the benefit of the community, which helps provide volunteers and support to others.

Financial Review: -

All monies raised by or on behalf of the group are applied to further the objects of the group and for no other purpose, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of legitimate out-of-pocket expenses to members of the group engaged upon the approved business of the Cushendall Development Group.

Grants Applied and Received 2022-23

Community Dev Support Grant - £3500

These monies were provided by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to assist in the overheads involved in running the community building, e.g. Rates, Electric and heating etc.

Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme - £1286.36

This enabled the group to purchase a new Defibrillator for the village and electric table top Hobs for future classes.

Live Smart Grant -£500

This money was secured to purchase new Litter pickers and gloves for the community and facilitate classes that benefit the environment.

Northern Area Community Network – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Community Development Model - £1000

This money was secured to facilitate Art, Craft and other recreational activities.

Northern Area Community Network NICHI Programme - £2000

This money enabled the group to purchase a heated box to safely store the new village Defibrillator. The group also were able to facilitate health and wellbeing courses.

Total income for this year end was £44,334

Total Expenditure for this year end was £48,977

Funds are held in reserve to cover any unexpected expenses.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 23rd October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed Bernadette E Delargy
Bernadette Delargy
Chairperson

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Francis McCurry
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Cushendall Development Group

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