

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101816

Details

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Status Received

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Company shall be to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Omagh District Council area ("the area of benefit"), without distinction of gender, sexuality, race, ethnic and cultural identity, age, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating with the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and other charitable purposes of benefit to the community.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development, Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Education/training, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse), Adult training, Community safety/crime prevention, Ethnic minorities, Ex-offenders and prisoners, General public, Homelessness, Learning disabilities, Men, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Sexual orientation, Specific areas of deprivation, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£186,651	£185,817	£0	7

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colin Kerrigan		
Mr Allan Rainey Mbe		
Mr Nicholas Cassidy		
Mrs Eithne Mcanespy		
Mrs Kate McMackin		
Mrs Monica Ann Coyle		
Pauline Mcsorley		

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Accounts

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 2025 £	Year ended 2024 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	-	50	50	550
Charitable activities	3	3,121	181,112	184,233	191,714
Other	4	-	2,368	2,368	1,958
Total		<u>3,121</u>	<u>183,530</u>	<u>186,651</u>	<u>194,222</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	57	183,530	183,587	191,262
Other	6	2,230	-	2,230	-
Total		<u>2,287</u>	<u>183,530</u>	<u>185,817</u>	<u>191,262</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		834	-	834	2,960
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,097	37	3,134	174
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,931</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>3,968</u>	<u>3,134</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025	£	2024	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible fixed assets	10		2,320		4,531	
Current assets						
Debtors	11	3,123		4,543		
Bank and cash		63,024		40,537		
		<u>66,147</u>		<u>45,080</u>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(64,499)		(46,477)		
Net current liabilities			1,648		(1,397)	
Net (liabilities)/assets			<u>3,968</u>		<u>3,134</u>	
Funds						
Unrestricted income funds:			3,931		3,097	
Restricted income funds			37		37	
Total funds			<u>3,968</u>		<u>3,134</u>	

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet (continued)

Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies;


(b) that no members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the board on 24 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by


Monica Coyle
Director


Nicholas Cassidy
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below.

1.1. Basis of accounting and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Reconciliation with previously Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

1.3. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.4. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated assets are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.5. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of charitable activities includes those activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% Reducing balance

2. Donations and legacies

	restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£
OVC donation		-	550
BTC donation	50	50	
	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>550</u>

3. Income from Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Department for Communities		40,929	40,929	41,167
National Lottery Community Fund BTC		132,098	132,098	136,588
Volunteer Now		-	-	150
Halifax Foundation		-	-	3,870
Access NI		8,085	8,085	6,885
Access NI contribution	3,096		3,096	2,333
Training courses	25		25	721
	<u>3,121</u>	<u>181,112</u>	<u>184,233</u>	<u>191,714</u>

4. Other income

	Restricted funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£
DES support staff	2,368	2,368	1,958
Fees		-	
	<u>2,368</u>	<u>2,368</u>	<u>1,958</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

5. Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Volunteering Infrastructure Support	33,793	6,031	1,105	40,929	41,167
Beyond the Call programme	107,926	23,459	765	132,148	136,588
Halifax foundation					3,870
ACCESS NI	8,085			8,085	6,885
Access to work		2,368		2,368	1,971
Omagh Volunteer Centre		55		55	781
	<u>149,804</u>	<u>31,913</u>	<u>1,870</u>	<u>183,587</u>	<u>191,262</u>

6. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Depreciation	2,211	2,211	
Bank charges	19	19	-
	<u>2,230</u>	<u>2,230</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

7. Analysis of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and their allocation to governance costs are shown below.

	Governance	Other support costs	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Management fees		5,000	5,000
Staff costs		2,333	2,333
Admin support		1,508	1,508
Rent & Service charges		6,979	6,979
Heat & light		1,647	1,647
Insurance		1,438	1,438
Accountancy	1,870	-	1,870
Advertising	-	406	406
Hospitality	-	2,352	2,352
Telephone		5,289	5,289
Other office expenses	-	3,253	3,253
Charges	-	537	537
Support costs (see below)	1,171		1,171
	<u>3,041</u>	<u>30,742</u>	<u>33,783</u>
Support costs:			
Wages & salaries	90		
Rent	367		
Heat & light	87		
Insurance	76		
Telephone	278		
Other office expenses	273		
	<u>1,171</u>		

Average staff time has been used as the basis of apportionment.

8. Employees

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	134,390	132,863
Pension costs	2,107	2,078
	<u>136,497</u>	<u>134,941</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024 : None).

No trustee received any remuneration during the year.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

9. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024 and At 31 March 2025	13,134	13,134
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	8,603	8,603
Charge for the year	2,211	2,211
At 31 March 2025	10,814	10,814
Net book values		
At 31 March 2025	2,320	2,320
At 31 March 2024	4,531	4,531

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Department for Communities	1,124	4,124
DfC - Access to work	183	83
ACNI fees	220	240
DfC support	1,500	-
Prepayments	96	96
	3,123	4,543

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

**12. Creditors: amounts falling due
within one year**

	2025	2024
	£	£
ACNI	645	792
National Lottery Community Fund	63,670	43,818
Department for Communities	-	1,673
Taxes and social security creditor	184	194
	<u>64,499</u>	<u>46,477</u>

13. Indemnity insurance

The charity paid for the insurance premiums to indemnify trustees and senior staff from any loss arising from neglect or defaults of trustees or staff and any consequent loss.

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For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 2024 £	Year ended 2023 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	-	50	50	2,641
Charitable activities	3	3,054	188,660	191,714	184,021
Other	4	500	1,958	2,458	2,166
Total		<u>3,554</u>	<u>190,668</u>	<u>194,222</u>	<u>188,828</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	781	190,481	191,262	207,139
Other	6			-	470
Total		<u>781</u>	<u>190,481</u>	<u>191,262</u>	<u>207,609</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers					
		2,773	187	2,960	(18,781)
Transfers between funds		150	(150)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>2,923</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>2,960</u>	<u>(18,781)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		174	-	174	18,955
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,097</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>3,134</u>	<u>174</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	10		4,531		4,531
Current assets					
Debtors	11	4,543		4,399	
Bank and cash		40,537		24,307	
		<u>45,080</u>		<u>28,706</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(46,477)		(33,063)	
Net current liabilities			(1,397)		(4,357)
Net (liabilities)/assets			<u>3,134</u>		<u>174</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:			3,097		174
Restricted income funds			37		-
Total funds			<u>3,134</u>		<u>174</u>

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(c) that we acknowledge our responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the board on 9 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Monica Coyle
Director



Nicholas Cassidy
Director

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1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% Reducing balance

2. Donations and legacies

	restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£
OVC donation		-	2,641
BTC donation	50	50	
	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>2,641</u>

3. Income from Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fermanagh Omagh District Council		-	-	1,500
Department for Communities		41,167	41,167	43,377
National Lottery Community Fund		-	-	44,625
National Lottery Community Fund BTC		136,588	136,588	85,507
Volunteer Now		150	150	-
Halifax Foundation		3,870	3,870	-
Access NI		6,885	6,885	7,260
Access NI contribution	2,333		2,333	1,752
Training courses	721		721	-
	<u>3,054</u>	<u>188,660</u>	<u>191,714</u>	<u>184,021</u>

4. Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
DES support staff	-	1,958	1,958	2,166
Fees	500		500	
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,958</u>	<u>2,458</u>	<u>2,166</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

5. Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Volunteering Infrastructure Support	32,169	8,532	466	41,167	43,375
The B Friend Hub programme				-	44,627
Beyond the Call programme	107,894	27,295	1,399	136,588	88,079
Halifax Foundation for NI	3,291	579		3,870	1,495
ACCESS NI	6,885			6,885	7,260
Access to work		1,971		1,971	2,166
Omagh Volunteer Centre		781		781	20,137
	<u>150,239</u>	<u>39,158</u>	<u>1,865</u>	<u>191,262</u>	<u>207,139</u>

6. Other expenditure

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank charges		470
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

7. Analysis of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and their allocation to governance costs are shown below.

	Governance	Other support costs	2024 Total
	£	£	£
Management fees		5,000	5,000
Staff costs		2,067	2,067
Admin support		2,722	2,722
Rent & Service charges		6,991	6,991
Heat & light		2,954	2,954
Insurance		1,407	1,407
Accountancy	1,865	-	1,865
Hospitality	-	5,986	5,986
Telephone		5,277	5,277
Other office expenses	-	4,784	4,784
Charges	-	511	511
Support costs (see below)	1,459		1,459
	<u>3,324</u>	<u>37,699</u>	<u>41,023</u>
Support costs:			
Wages & salaries	90		
Rent	368		
Heat & light	155		
Insurance	74		
Telephone	278		
Other office expenses	494		
	<u>1,459</u>		

Average staff time has been used as the basis of apportionment.

8. Employees

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	132,863	147,746
Pension costs	2,078	2,980
Other costs	-	14,696
	<u>134,941</u>	<u>165,422</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023 : None).

No trustee received any remuneration during the year.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

9. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

10. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2023 and At 31 March 2024	4,531	4,531
At 1 April 2023	-	-
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	4,531	4,531
At 31 March 2023	4,531	4,531

11. Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Department for Communities	4,124	3,124
DfC - Access to work	83	152
ACNI fees	240	1,027
Prepayments	96	96
	4,543	4,399

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
ACNI	792	4,497
National Lottery Community Fund	43,818	28,455
Department for Communities	1,673	-
Taxes and social security creditor	194	111
	46,477	33,063

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

13. Indemnity insurance

The charity paid for the insurance premiums to indemnify trustees and senior staff from any loss arising from neglect or defaults of trustees or staff and any consequent loss.

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Annual report

Charity number: NIC101816
Company number: NI 41767

Omagh Volunteer Centre
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	NIC101816
Company registration number	NI 41767
Registered office	2nd Floor Anderson House 41c Market Street Omagh Co Tyrone BT78 1EH
Trustees	Monica Coyle Nicholas Cassidy Colin Kerrigan Pauline McSorley
	<u>Committee Members</u> Kate McMackin Eithne McAnespy Cllr Alan Rainey
Secretary	Nicholas Cassidy
Accountants	O'Donnell & Mellon 19/21 Castle Street Omagh CO. Tyrone BT78 1DD
Bankers	AIB 2-4 East Bridge Street Enniskillen Co. Fermanagh

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees, who are also directors of Omagh Volunteer Centre for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below.

Structure, governance and management

Monica Coyle	Chairperson
Nicholas Cassidy	Secretary
Colin Kerrigan	Treasurer
Pauline McSorley	

Committee Members

Kate McMackin
Eithne McAnespy
Cllr Alan Rainey

The trustees meet on a monthly basis to receive a report on the charity's operational and financial activities.

Objectives and activities

Volunteering is the commitment of time and energy, freely given, without financial gain, using individual's skills for the benefit of the local community. Omagh Volunteer Centre works to promote, support and develop volunteering across Omagh.

Our activities include registering volunteers and matching them to volunteering roles, promoting and developing opportunities, supporting community/voluntary organisations in all aspect of volunteering practice, volunteer recognition and sourcing/delivering training.

Omagh Volunteer Centre (OVC) is an umbrella body for Access NI and processing standard and enhanced disclosure checks for registered community/voluntary and private organisations.

The Centre delivers a befriending project for older people, supported by a team of trained volunteers from across Omagh, Fermanagh and Strabane with funding from the National Lottery Community Fund

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Achievements and performance

During the 23/24 year, OVC continued to provide a responsive service to develop and support volunteering across the Omagh area using a diverse range of methods including talks, promotional stands, face to face meetings and online.

Promotion of volunteering and our services continued with marketing and social media campaigns, promotional videos, events and quarterly newsletters. We continue to promote and develop volunteering, representing the Centre on the community and voluntary sector Forum for Community planning, Neighbourhood Renewal partnerships, FODC inter-agency forum, on the Management Committees of registered community groups. The Centre registered 230 new volunteers and hosted a recognition lunch event for 67 volunteers to celebrate Volunteers Week (June 2023), with over 50 appreciation treat boxes and 305 certificates distributed to support groups with their own recognition activities. The EPIC recognition awards was delivered to 157 volunteers during the period.

Four "Turn up and Try" volunteering events and four employer supported volunteering events were organised with ongoing tailored support with good practice, training information and guidance delivered to 172 registered organisations. 360 Access NI disclosure checks were processed and 92 volunteers availed of courses including Safeguarding, First Aid and Food Safety funded by the Halifax Foundation.

Year 2 of the partnership befriending project "Beyond the Call Project" provided telephone, home and peer group befriending activities across Omagh, Fermanagh and Strabane, for 300 older people, supported by a team of 60 trained volunteers.

The Centre continues to receive core funding from the Department for Communities (DfC) for the delivery of the Volunteering Infrastructure Support Programme (VISP) as well as the National Lottery Community Fund for the Beyond the Call Project. Additional funding was provided by DfC for Volunteers' week recognition activities and from the Halifax Foundation to deliver certified and accredited training

Plans for future periods

Future plans for the Charity include:

- * Increasing the number and diversity of people who register to volunteer.
- * Targeting groups that are under-represented in volunteering, including ethnic minority and refugee community, people with a disability and other health conditions and ongoing partnerships working with specialist services.
- * Promotion of the EPIC volunteer recognition awards and the Volunteer Friendly programmes.
- * Explore funding opportunities to deliver a range of training courses for registered groups, including Safeguarding, First Aid and Disability Awareness.
- * Exploring new ways to raise the profile and uptake of volunteering across the area.
- * Continued engagement and collaboration with the Independent Volunteer Centres (Volunteer Centres NI).
- * Working in collaboration with Volunteer Centre partners and DfC on the Refresh of Infrastructure Support Programme.
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- * Build new and existing partnerships and relationships with statutory and voluntary/community groups in our local area including WHSCT, Fermanagh Omagh District Council, NIFRS etc., engaging at every level for the development and promotion of volunteering good practice throughout the area.

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b) 'of the Charities Act (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance)

Small company provisions

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

On behalf of the board



Nicholas Cassidy

Secretary

9th December 2024

Charity number : NIC 101816

2nd Floor Anderson House
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Omagh Volunteer Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101816

Annual return

Omagh Volunteer Centre

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I report on the accounts of Omagh Volunteer Centre for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages .

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
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Basis of independent examiner's report


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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.



Independent examiner

Mr. Brian Mellon
F.C.C.A.
O'Donnell & Mellon
19/21 Castle Street
OMAGH
Co. Tyrone

9th December 2024

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101816

Accounts

Charity number: NIC101816
Company number: NI 41767

Omagh Volunteer Centre
Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Colin Kerrigan
Pauline McSorley
Dympna Devlin

Appointed 12 December 2022
Appointed 13th March 2023
Resigned 1 August 2022

Committee Members

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Eithne McAnespy
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Secretary Nicholas Cassidy

Accountants O'Donnell & Mellon
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Bankers First Trust
High Street
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Omagh Volunteer Centre

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Colin Kerrigan	Treasurer
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On behalf of the board



Nicholas Cassidy

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4th December 2023

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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.


Independent examiner

Mr. Brian Mellon
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4th December 2023

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 2023 £	Year ended 2022 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	70	2,571	2,641	-
Charitable activities	3	1,752	182,269	184,021	215,928
Other	4	-	2,166	2,166	3,045
Total		<u>1,822</u>	<u>187,006</u>	<u>188,828</u>	<u>218,973</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	20,137	187,002	207,139	217,701
Other	6	470		470	499
Total		<u>20,607</u>	<u>187,002</u>	<u>207,609</u>	<u>218,200</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(18,785)	4	(18,781)	773
Net incoming resources for the year / Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		18,824	131	18,955	18,182
Total funds carried forward		<u>39</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>18,955</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11		4,531		4,531
Current assets					
Debtors	12	4,399		8,126	
Bank and cash		24,307		50,926	
		<u>28,706</u>		<u>59,052</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(33,063)</u>		<u>(44,628)</u>	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			<u>(4,357)</u>		<u>14,424</u>
Net (liabilities)/assets			<u>174</u>		<u>18,955</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds:			39		18,824
Restricted income funds			135		131
Total funds			<u>174</u>		<u>18,955</u>

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

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Balance sheet (continued)

Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023

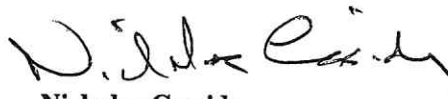
In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies;
- (b) that no members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the board on 4 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by


Monica Coyle
Director


Nicholas Cassidy
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below.

1.1. Basis of accounting and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Reconciliation with previously Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

1.3. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.4. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated assets are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.5. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of charitable activities includes those activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% Reducing balance

2. Donations and legacies

	unrestricted	restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
OVC donation	70		70	-
Beyond the Call programme		2,571	2,571	
	<u>70</u>	<u>2,571</u>	<u>2,641</u>	<u>-</u>

3. Income from Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fermanagh Omagh District Council		1,500	1,500	1,500
Department for Communities		43,377	43,377	44,212
National Lottery Community Fund		44,625	44,625	160,794
National Lottery Community Fund BTC		85,507	85,507	-
Access NI		7,260	7,260	7,365
Access NI contribution	1,752		1,752	2,057
	<u>1,752</u>	<u>182,269</u>	<u>184,021</u>	<u>215,928</u>

4. Other income

	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£
DES support staff	2,166	2,166	3,045
	<u>2,166</u>	<u>2,166</u>	<u>3,045</u>

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

5. Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Volunteering Infrastructure Support	35,580	7,406	389	43,375	44,212
The B Friend Hub programme	40,930	3,697		44,627	160,795
Beyond the Call programme	70,476	16,126	1,477	88,079	-
ACCESS NI	7,260			7,260	7,431
Access to work		2,166		2,166	3,425
Volunteer recognition events	1,495			1,495	
FODC Volunteer support programme COVID 19		-		-	1,500
Omagh Volunteer Centre		20,137		20,137	338
	<u>155,741</u>	<u>49,532</u>	<u>1,866</u>	<u>207,139</u>	<u>217,701</u>

6. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Bank charges	470	470	499
	<u>470</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>499</u>

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

7. Analysis of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and their allocation to governance costs are shown below.

	Governance	Other support costs	2023 Total
	£	£	£
Management fees		5,000	5,000
Staff costs		21,718	21,718
Rent & Service charges		7,026	7,026
Training		83	83
Heat & light		1,004	1,004
Insurance		1,353	1,353
Accountancy	1,866	-	1,866
Advertising	-	46	46
Hospitality	-	3,792	3,792
Telephone		4,910	4,910
Other office expenses	-	3,393	3,393
Support costs (see below)	1,207		1,207
	<u>3,073</u>	<u>48,325</u>	<u>51,398</u>
Support costs:			
Wages & salaries	90		
Rent	370		
Heat & light	53		
Insurance	71		
Telephone	258		
Other office expenses	365		
	<u>1,207</u>		

Average staff time has been used as the basis of apportionment.

8. Employees

Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	147,746	164,391
Pension costs	2,980	4,925
Other costs	14,696	-
	<u>165,422</u>	<u>169,316</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022 : None).
No trustee received any remuneration during the year.

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

9. Trustees' expenses

The charity paid a total of £81 to one trustee in the year. The expenses paid related to properly approved costs incurred by trustee relating to their work with the charity. The expenses consisted mainly of travel costs.

10. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022 and At 31 March 2023	4,531	4,531
At 1 April 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2023	4,531	4,531
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,531</u>	<u>4,531</u>

12. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Department for Communities	3,124	7,405
DfC - Access to work	152	-
ACNI fees	1,027	625
Prepayments	96	96
	<u>4,399</u>	<u>8,126</u>

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

**13. Creditors: amounts falling due
within one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
ACNI	627	-
National Lottery Community Fund	28,455	44,625
Halifax Foundation	3,870	
Taxes and social security creditor	111	3
	<u>33,063</u>	<u>44,628</u>

14. Indemnity insurance

The charity paid for the insurance premiums to indemnify trustees and senior staff from any loss arising from neglect or defaults of trustees or staff and any consequent loss.

Omagh Volunteer Centre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101816

Annual report

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Omagh Volunteer Centre for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 the 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 then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under section 4(b) 'of the Charities Act (the public benefit requirement statutory guidance)

Small company provisions

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

On behalf of the board



Nicholas Cassidy

Secretary

4th December 2023

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Omagh Volunteer Centre.

I report on the accounts of Omagh Volunteer Centre for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors of the company 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. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities 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 included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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
4. That there is no 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.


Independent examiner

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4th December 2023