

**Registration Number NI044612**

**Friends of Drumalis**  
**(Company limited by Guarantee)**  
**Trustees Report and Financial**  
**Statements for the Year Ended**  
**31 March 2024**

## **Friends of Drumalis**

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## **Friends of Drumalis**

### **Company Information**

Trustees/directors	John Donaghy Catherine Anna Hainey Joanna Elizabeth James Edward McHugh Marie McNeice Lynn Farr Sister Margaret Rose McSparran Brother Brian Monaghan David Surplus Sister Clare Dawson	
Secretary	Maura Burns	- Resigned 10/02/2024
	David Surplus	- Appointed 10/02/2024
Company Number	NI044612	
Charity Registration Number	NIC101858	
Principal and Registered Office	47 Glenarm Road Larne Co Antrim	
Accountants	EM Accountants 42A-44A New Row Coleraine BT52 1AF	
Bankers	Bank of Ireland Church Street Ballymena Co Antrim	

## **Friends of Drumalis**

### **Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The information with respect to trustees, directors, officers and advisers set out on the information page, forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", (FRS102).

#### **Reference and administration details**

Friends of Drumalis (the charity), is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 26 November 2002. It is registered with the Companies Registrar under registration number NI044612. It is also recognised as a charity by the Inland Revenue, XR60367 and registered with the Charity Commission N.I. under reference NIC101858. The trustees and secretary of the charity are listed on the information page. The principal and registered office of the charity is also listed on the information page together with details of the professional advisors and bankers.

#### **Objectives and activities**

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The principal activity of the company is to fundraise to subsidise courses, events or retreats in Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre for the benefit of participants from Larne and its environs and from further afield within the United Kingdom and Ireland.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management Organisational structure**

Friends of Drumalis is a company limited by guarantee and recognised as a charity by the Inland Revenue. In terms of company law, charity law and day to day activities, the company is an independent entity. The trustees meet regularly to direct the operations of the charity.

#### **Governance**

During the period under review the trustees met monthly. A panel comprised of existing trustees selects members for the board. Trustees serve for a one year period and may be re-elected for a further one year period. The trustees meet approximately 12 times a year. The trustees who served during the year to 31 March 2024 are listed on the information page.

#### **Financial Review**

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 5 of the financial statements. Income for the year was £53,551 (2023: £51,331) and expenditure was £54,944 (2023: £52,143).

#### **Overall summary Reserves policy**

The charity's policy on restricted funds is to separately record donations, grants and other sources of fundraising where restrictions are imposed that are narrower than the charity's overall objectives.

## **Friends of Drumalis**

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets or designated for specific purposes ("the free reserves") held by the charity should be between six and nine months of the resources expended, which equates to a minimum of £25,935 in general funds. At this level, the trustees consider that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in income. It would also be necessary to consider how the income would be replaced or activities changed. At the balance sheet date the free reserves, which amount to £126,099 did exceed the minimum target.

### **Investment policy**

The charity aims to ensure that there is sufficient cash flow to meet its ongoing commitments. Funds that are surplus to immediate requirements are invested in short term deposit accounts and investments at the most beneficial rates available reflecting the investment period.

### **Taxation**

As a charity, the company is able to recover most tax deducted at source from its investment income and is not liable for corporation tax on its other income or on capital gains. Recovery is therefore made of tax credits and tax deducted from income received under deed of covenant or gift aid.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities in respect of the annual report and the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the statement of financial activities of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the officers and members of the committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and that help ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

*Sr Margaret Rose McSparran*

Sr Margaret Rose McSparran (Jan 17, 2025 16:07 GMT)

Sister Margaret Rose McSparran

**Trustee**

## Friends of Drimalis

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Drimalis

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- 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; and
- 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 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
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.

  
Paul McKillop (Jan 17, 2025 16:51 GMT)

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**Paul McKillop FCCA**  
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January 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

## Friends of Drumalis

### Statement of financial activities (incorporating summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Income from Donations and legacies					
Donations		-	43,683	43,683	36,768
Gift Aid tax refunds		-	7,548	7,548	9,211
Grants receivable		-	-	-	1,490
Investment income-		-	2,320	2,320	2,072
Income from charitable activities		-	-	-	1,790
<b>Total income</b>		-	53,551	53,551	51,331
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Expenditure on Charitable activities	2	490	53,455	53,944	51,143
Gift to Sisters of Cross & Passion		-	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>		490	54,455	54,944	52,143
Net gains/(losses) on investments	7	-	3,842	3,842	(8,817)
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>		(490)	2,938	2,449	(9,629)
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	10	(490)	2,938	2,449	(9,629)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		2,442	129,490	131,932	141,561
Fund balances brought forward at 31 March 2024	10	1,952	132,428	134,380	131,932

All amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements

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## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	5		8,281		10,356
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	6	7,548		9,956	
Investments held as current assets	7	105,610		99,448	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>12,941</u>		<u>12,917</u>	
		126,099		122,321	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>-</u>		<u>(745)</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>126,099</u>		<u>121,576</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			<u>134,380</u>		<u>131,932</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>					
Restricted funds	9	1,952		2,442	
Unrestricted funds	9	<u>132,428</u>		<u>129,490</u>	
		<u>134,380</u>		<u>131,932</u>	

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### **Balance Sheet (continued)**

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

- a) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
- b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to Section 476 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
  - 1. ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
  - 2. preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of section 393 and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 and signed on its behalf by

*Sr Margaret Rose McSparran*  
Sr Margaret RoseMcSparran (Jan 17, 2025 16:07 GMT)

**Sister Margaret Rose McSparran**  
**Trustee**

**Registration Number    NI044612**

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board and the Statement of Recommended Practice(SORP) ‘ Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102)’ and in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Companies Act 2006 and UK GAAP as it applies from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements comply with SORP(FRS 102)

**1.2. Tangible fixed assets and 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:

Plant & machinery	- 20% Reducing Balance
F & F and equipment	- 20% Reducing Balance
Office Equipment	- 20% Reducing Balance

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

**1.3. Income**

Income is recognised on a receivable basis when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The specific bases are as follows:

**Donations and gifts**

Voluntary income received by way of retreat offerings and donations to the charity is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

**Investment income**

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

**Grants**

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.

Grants for the purpose of capital expenditure are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable and released to revenue over the estimated useful life of the relevant assets.

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**1.4. Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

**1.5. Debtors and creditors**

Short term debtors and creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Debtors are stated after all known bad debts have been written off and specific provision has been made against all debts considered doubtful of collection.

**1.6. Fund accounting**

The charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible and which require separate disclosure. Definitions of the various types of funds are as follows.

**Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

**Unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated which are expendable at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of its objectives.

**Designated funds**

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes, the aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**1.7. Going Concern**

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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### 2. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donation towards the running costs of the retreat centre and the support of its programmes	-	46,000	46,000	40,000
Public Theology course expenses	-	-	-	3,280
Bank interest & fees	-	94	94	98
Miscellaneous	-	5,775	5,775	5,177
Depreciation	490	1,585	2,075	2,588
	490	53,454	53,944	51,143

All expenditure in the year to 31st March 2023 was unrestricted except for £3,280 for Public Theology Course expenses and depreciation of £763 which were restricted.

All income received in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was unrestricted except for restricted grants received of £1,490 and income from Public Theology Course of £1,790.

### 3. Net Income for the year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the year is stated after charging depreciation of owned assets	2,075	2,588

### 4. Taxation

The company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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### 5. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & machinery £	F & F and equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	60,919	51,205	25,133	137,257
Additions/(Disposals)				
At 31 March 2024	60,919	51,205	25,133	137,257
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	56,089	49,107	21,705	126,901
Charge for the year	968	420	687	2,075
Disposal				
At 31 March 2024	57,057	49,527	22,392	128,976
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31 March 2023	4,830	2,098	3,428	10,356
At 31 March 2024	3,862	1,678	2,741	8,281

### 6. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	7,548	9,956

### 7. Investments held as current assets

	2024 £	2023 £
Fair Value – Listed Investments	105,610	99,448
<b>Increase/(decrease) in value of listed investments included in the statement of financial activities for the financial year</b>		
Increase/(Decrease) in fair value	3,842	(8,817)
Interest	2,320	2,072
Withdrawals	-	(681)
	6,162	(7,426)

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Other Creditors	-	745
	-	745

### 9. Funds

	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers, investment gains/(losses) £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Grants	2,442	-	490	-	1,952
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	-			-	-
General reserve	129,490	53,551	(54,455)	3,842	132,428
	129,490	53,551	(54,455)	3,842	132,428
Total funds	131,932	53,551	(54,945)	3,842	134,380

	Balance 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers, investment gains/(losses) £	Balance 31 March 2023 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Grants	3,053	3,280	(3,891)	-	2,442
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Designated funds	-			-	-
General reserve	138,508	48,051	(48,252)	(8,817)	129,490
	138,508	48,051	(48,252)	(8,817)	129,490
Total funds	141,561	51,331	(52,143)	(8,817)	131,932

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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#### 10. Analysis of the net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	2024 £	2023 £
Restricted funds	1,952	-	1,952	2,442
Unrestricted funds	6,329	126,099	132,428	129,490
Total	<u>8,281</u>	<u>126,099</u>	<u>134,380</u>	<u>131,932</u>

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	2023 £
Restricted funds	2,442	-	2,442
Unrestricted funds	7,914	121,576	129,490
Total	<u>10,356</u>	<u>121,576</u>	<u>131,932</u>

#### 11. Company limited by guarantee

Friends of Drumalis is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in N. Ireland (registration number NI044612) and as such it does not have share capital. The company is registered with the Inland Revenue as a charitable body for taxation purposes (Inland Revenue Charity No. XR60367).

#### 12. Related party transactions

The trustees received nor waived any emoluments during the year. (2023: Nil)  
No out of pocket expenses were paid to the trustees during the year. (2023: Nil).










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