

**Northern Ireland Ex-Firefighters Mid Ulster Association**

**Charity no. 101910**

**Annual Report and Statement of Account**

**Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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## **Reference and Administrative Details**

### **Charity Name**

Northern Ireland Ex-Firefighters Mid Ulster Association

### **Charity Number**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland, No. 101910

### **Principal Address**

Mr Thomas Henry, 34 Beechland Road, Magherafelt, BT45 6BQ

### **Charity Trustees as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Michael Larkin

Sean McKenna

Thomas Henry

Kevin Quinn

Roisin Waller

### **Advisors**

#### **Banking**

Ulster Bank

20 Broad Street

Magherafelt

BT45 6EB

#### **Insurance**

Event Insurance Service Ltd,

Event House,

20 A Headlands Business Park,

Ringwood,

Hants.

BH24 3PB

## **Trustees report for year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### Year by numbers

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Community information/literature distribution                    | 6 |
| Wellbeing/mindfulness educational day trips                      | 2 |
| Memorial service for injured/deceased firefighters               | 1 |
| Donations to other charities in memory of deceased fire fighters | 0 |
| Fundraising activities   | 0 |
| Grants received from Mid Ulster Council                          | 0 |

### Community information/Literature distribution

We have held six days of literature distribution and have always had at least four members available to inform the general public on the prevention of fires, poisonous fumes and also farmyard safety advice with the assistance of the Health and Safety Executive.

We have completed our Carbon Monoxide detector project and the last of the detectors have now been distributed to the community. This project was well received, and it has been suggested that we try and fund a second batch of carbon monoxide detectors to promote awareness of the dangers in the home and businesses from poisonous fumes.

### Wellbeing/mindfulness educational day trips

There were two educational day trips arranged to promote good welfare and physical and mental health, with activities to reduce feelings of isolation and provide support for retired firefighters and their family.

On evaluation of those who attended the trips it was reported that the trips were most enjoyable, educational and all looked forward to another day. Attendees all reported that they felt a lot happier and less stressed for a time after the trips.

### Memorial Service

The annual memorial service in Dublin was not attended this year due to covid 19 numbers still being high in Dublin.

We hope to attend next year.

### Deceased fire fighters

Unfortunately, we have lost a founding member of the association, the association members decided to provide food for the wake.

### Fundraising activities

Due to covid 19 all fundraising dances and bag packing in supermarkets were cancelled.

### Other income

The members of the association also paid dues to help cover some of the cost of insurance. Events insurance covers the association for basic public liability for £288.00 covering the period 07/03/22 to 06/03/23.

Aims for 2022/2023

Given the positive public engagement with our community information and literature distribution days, we will try to get more days arranged to increase Fire and Safety awareness for the general public.

The continuation of the carbon monoxide detectors project which are given free to the public paid for by our fundraising activities.

## Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022

|   |                    | 2021/22          |              | 2020/21      |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds  | Total funds  |
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |                    |                  |              |              |
| Admin and General                       | 280                | -                | 280          | -            |
| Grants                                  | -                  | -                | -            | -            |
| Fundraising income                      | 2,743              | -                | 2,743        | -            |
| Subscriptions                           | 130                | -                | 130          | -            |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                   | <b>3,153</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>3,153</b> | <b>-</b>     |
| <b>Payments</b>                         |                    |                  |              |              |
| Admin and General                       | 2,545              | -                | 2,545        | -            |
| Fundraising expenditure                 | -                  | -                | -            | -            |
| Public safety and education expenditure | -                  | -                | -            | -            |
| <b>Total payments</b>                   | <b>2,545</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>2,545</b> | <b>-</b>     |
| Net of receipts/(payments)              | 608                | -                | 608          | -            |
| Transfers between funds                 | -                  | -                | -            | -            |
| Opening cash assets                     | 7,394              | -                | 7,394        | 7,341        |
| <b>Closing cash assets</b>              | <b>8,002</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>8,002</b> | <b>7,394</b> |

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### Cash Assets

|                             |                    | 2020/21          |              | 2019/20      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds  | Total funds  |
| Ulster Bank current account | 7,179              |                  | 7,179        | 6,657        |
| Petty cash                  | 823                | -                | 823          | 737          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>8,002</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>8,002</b> | <b>7,394</b> |

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **Restricted Funds**

The Association did not receive any restricted funds in 2021/22.

### **Trustees' Expenses**

No expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year except to reimburse them for purchases made on behalf of the Association.

### **Insurance**

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part. Public Liability Insurance was purchased, £288.00 covering the period 07/03/22 to 06/03/23.

### **Accounting Policies**

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts, and a statement of assets and liabilities has been prepared and presented for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022; this is consistent with previous years.

Bank interest/fees is included in the Admin & General category.

All Income, including grants is recorded when received.

All Expenditure is recorded when paid.

No gift aid has been reclaimed.

### **Independent Scrutiny**

In the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 gross income did not exceed £25,000 and therefore, in accordance with the sections 144 & 145 of the Charities Act 2011 no audit or independent examination is required.

### **Cheques which did not clear the bank at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

All cheques written had cleared the bank account as at 30 September 2022.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Trustees in October 2022 and signed on their behalf.



T Henry  
Treasurer

## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Northern Ireland Ex-Firefighters Mid Ulster Association**

I report on the accounts of the association for the year ended 30 September 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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 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**

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.

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:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
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.

Name: Cara McRory

Relevant professional body: Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 22 High Street, Bottisham, Cambridge

Date: 12 September 2023