

Northern Ireland Ex-Firefighters Mid Ulster Association

Charity no. 101910

Annual Report and Statement of Account

Year ended 30th September 2024

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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 30th September 2024

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 30th September 2024

Year by numbers

Community information/literature distribution	7
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	7
Grants received from Mid Ulster Council	0

Community information/Literature distribution

We have held seven 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 farmyard safety advice with the assistance of the Health and Safety Executive.

We have started a new distribution programme for our Carbon Monoxide detector project to the community. This project has been well received, with requests from the public to fund further distribution 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 attended this year by some members. We hope to attend again next year.

Deceased fire fighters

None this year thankfully.

Fundraising activities

Community information/literature distribution events at local supermarkets received donations from the public. We thank the supermarkets and the public for their engagement which allows us to undertake such activities and distribute carbon monoxide alarms free to those in need.

Other income

The members of the association also paid dues to help cover some of the cost of insurance. Events insurance covers association for basic public liability for £301.00 covering the period 07/03/23 to 06/03/24.

Aims for 2024/2025

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 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 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Funds	2023/24 Restricted Funds	Total funds	2022/23 Total funds
Receipts				
Admin and General	170	-	170	420
Grants	-	-	-	300
Fundraising income	3,054	-	3,054	2,028
Subscriptions	110	-	110	110
Total receipts	3,334	-	3,334	2,858
Payments				
Admin and General	2,563	-	2,563	3,560
Fundraising expenditure	-	-	-	-
Public safety and education expenditure	637	-	637	-
Total payments	3,200	-	3,200	3,560
Net of receipts/(payments)	134	-	134	- 702
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Opening cash assets	7,300	-	7,300	8,002
Closing cash assets	7,434	-	7,434	7,300

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	2023/24 Restricted Funds	Total funds	2022/23 Total funds
Ulster Bank current account	7,345	-	7,345	7,322
Less: Cheques not cleared at bank	-	-	-	443
Petty cash	89	-	89	421
Total	7,434	-	7,434	7,300

Notes to the Accounts

Restricted Funds

Trustees' Expenses

No expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year, during 2023/24 the only expenses paid was 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, see details in Trustees Report.

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 30th September 2024; 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 30th September 2024 gross income did not exceeded £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 30th September 2024

There were no outstanding bank transactions.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Trustees in October 2024 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 2024, see pages 6-7.

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

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Date: 30 July 2025