

Hollywood Shared Town

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101962

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-01-19

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Activities

Purposes: The Company's objects are specifically restricted to the promotion, development and support of the voluntary and community sector, the promotion, conservation and improvement of the physical and natural environment, the advancement of community development, the advancement of education and the promotion of the benefit and wellbeing of the inhabitants (hereinafter called the "beneficiaries") of the Hollywood area and its environs of County Down, Northern Ireland in particular but not exclusively (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability/ability, race, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion by associating the statutory or local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of fostering a community spirit and improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: (a) to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of voluntary and community organisations and projects in the area of benefit by providing advice, information, education and training and practical assistance to such organisations and projects for the benefit of the public; (b) to promote or assist in the promotion of and cooperation and networking between voluntary and community organisations in the area of benefit between themselves and others; (c) to promote or assist in promoting community capacity building programmes and projects for the benefit of the people in the area of benefit who have need of such assistance as a result of their youth, age, disability or infirmity, or social and economic circumstances, in an effort to increase the abilities, skills and self-confidence of such communities in the area of benefit; (d) to support community development and wellbeing activities and to work with partners to support community cohesion and community relations, the promotion of adequate housing conditions and the development of a sustainable community; (e) to identify the funding and policy needs of voluntary and community organisations in the area of benefit; (f) to advance promote and further the conservation maintenance and protection of features of the landscape in the area of benefit with geographical, physiographical or amenity value and to enhance their contribution to existing environmental amenities in the area of benefit; (g) to promoting good community relations in an effort to foster a sentiment in favour of equality, religious harmony and diversity and thereby endeavouring to eliminate racial, religious and sectarian discrimination; (h) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the directors, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development,Cultural,Environment/sustainable development/conservation

Who the charity helps: General public,Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£53,353	£44,130	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Tony Crockford		
Dr William Hagan Lockhart Obe, Phd, Registered Psychologist		
Mr Charlie Reid		
Mrs Ellen Duly		
Mrs Kimberley Addis		
Ms Lorraine Wallace		
Ms Rachel Woods		
Professor Helen Dolk		

Hollywood Shared Town

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101962

Accounts



Company Limited by Guarantee

Accounts 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Company Number NI 617275

Charity Reference Numbers **CCNI:** NIC 101962
HMRC: NI 00159

Board of Directors - during the year the directors were:

Kim Addis

Simon Bridge (resigned 25 March 2025)

Helen Dolk

Tim Kerr

Bill Lockhart

Rachel Woods

Tony Crockford (appointed 25 March 2025)

Ellen Duly (appointed 25 March 2025)

Charlie Reid (appointed 26 March 2025)

Lorraine Wallace (appointed 25 March 2025)

Cash Flow

1 Apr 2024 to 31 Mar 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Brought forward: (from 2023-2024)		£17,772.64
Income: Grants due for previous year's activity	(1)	£6,738.11
Invoices due at start of year		£1,018.56
Grants paid for current year's activity	(1)	£30,978.02
Advances – 2024-5 grant paid		£0.00
Donations and gift aid repayment	(2)	£6,206.42
Memberships	(3)	£2,305.00
Other income (including sponsorships)	(4)	<u>£6,106.96</u>
		£53,283.43
Expenditure: Activities and projects	(5) & (6)	£38,457.50
Administration	(7)	<u>£1,470.89</u>
		£39,928.39
Change in cash on hand and in bank:		£13,355.04
Carried forward: (to 2025-2026)		£31,127.68

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities 1 Apr 24 to 31 Mar 25

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds 2023-24</i>
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Grants	(1)		£37,716.13	£37,716.13	£62,423.45
Donations (inc gift aid)	(2)	£7,124.98		£7,124.98	£18,898.27
Activity membership	(3)	£2,405.00		£2,405.00	£2,438.00
Other Income	(4)	£1,954.96	£4,152.00	£6,106.96	
Total Income		£11,484.94	£41,868.13	£53,353.07	£91,022.16
<u>Resources expended (inc depreciation)</u>					
On charitable activities:					
Grant repaid				£0	£0
Activities	(5)	£14,082.78	£5,188.87	£19,271.65	£22,635.47
Projects	(6)	£13,576.29	£9,811.61	£23,387.90	£70,686.40
Administration	(7)	£285.32	£1,185.57	£1,470.89	
Total Expenditure		£27,944.39	£16,186.05	£44,130.43	£96,620.46
Net movement in funds		-£16,459.44	£25,682.08	£9,222.63	-£3,598.30
Total funds brought forward		£25,608.57	£7,506.94	£33,115.51	£36,713.81
Total funds carried forward		£9,149.13	£33,189.02	£42,338.14	£33,115.51

Balance Sheet

	Note	at 31 Mar 25	at 1 Apr 24
Fixed assets	(8)	£8,148.80	£10,900.84
Current Assets			
Cash on hand (petty cash)	(9)	£239.27	£182.64
Cash in Bank		£30,888.41	£17,590.00
Debtors	(10)	£7,756.67	£7,989.03
Total Assets		£47,033.15	£36,713.81
Creditors (falling due within 1 year)	(11)	<u>£1,150.00</u>	<u>(£3,545.00)</u>
Net Assets		£45,883.15	£33,115.51
Funds			
At start of year		£33,115.51	£36,713.81
Net increase/(decrease)	<u>£12,767.64</u>	(3,598.29)	
Funds at end of year	(12)	£45,883.15	£33,115.51

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Further:

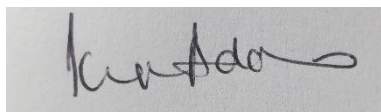
- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

To the best of our knowledge these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and also comply with the 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 (FRS 102).

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 19 August 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board of Holywood Shared Town by:

Chair  Rachel Woods

Treasurer



Kim Addis

Notes

1) Grant Income.

Debts of £7,687.03 broken down as follows were paid: 4,000.00 - ANDBC 2023-24 Community Festival grant, £1,600 - ANDBC Community Development grant, £347.00 - balance of the ACNI 2023-4 Lottery grant, £288.75 - balance of ANDBC 2023-4 Arts Project grant, £537.28 - balance of ANDBC Hardship Fund grant, £664 - balance of the ANDBC Good Relations grant and £250 - balance of the BUPA Foundation Green Community grant:

£7,687.03

During the year the following grants were awarded and claimed:

National Lottery Awards for All (Holywood Men's Shed)	£19,780.00
Clear Project (part payment)	£2,180.00
Keep NI Beautiful Live Here Love Here	£2,700.00
2024 National Garden Scheme - Community Garden grant	£2,088.00
Woven Micro Fund (Dunville Garden)	£1,000.00
Woven Micro Fund (Holywood Men's Shed)	£975.00
ANDBC – In Bloom	£1,000.00
Daera Micro Grant	£986.91
ANDBC – Arts grant (50% payment)	£268.11
	£30,978.02

At the end of the year to following grants/sponsorships were due:

ANDBC 2024-5 Community Festival grant	£3,000.00
ANDBC Community Development grant for 2024-5	£2,225.00
Clear Project – balance	£545.00
ANDBC – balance of Arts grant	£268.11
Holywood Chamber of Commerce (sponsor – Creative Festival)	£700.00
	£6,738.11

2) Donations and Gift Aid Refunds.

During the year the following donations were received:

Men's Shed	£4,165.74
Creative Holywood	£1,747.50
Green Projects	£262.75
Misc	£30.43
Total	£6,206.42

3) Activity Membership(s).

Patchwork	£565.00
Men's Shed	£620.00
Fencing	<u>£1,120.00</u>

Total £2,305.00

4) Other Income. The following other income was received:

Creative – general event sponsorship	£2,565.00
Resettlement Group - reimbursement of eligible costs from Home Office	£1,587.00
Men's Shed – orders/commissions for works	£1,560.00
Misc.	<u>£394.96</u> £6,106.96

5) Activities.

Hollywood Shared Town has a class of Activity Member so that it can assist particular groups who would struggle to incorporate and/or seek charity registration as separate entities. The four current activity members are Patchwork, Hollywood Men's Shed, the Fencing class and Hollywood Resettlement Group. Each activity member is accounted for as separate cost centre. Their income is recorded in the notes above and their costs are indicated in the following notes:

Patchwork – Patchwork had room hire and tutoring costs of £1101.00. Room hire costs of £501.00 will be largely paid from the ANDBC Community Development 2024-5 grant.

Men's Shed – The Men's Shed was awarded a National Lottery grant towards a new machinery shed of £19,780.00 and a grant of £2,725 from the Clear Project to deliver a course in growing fruit and vegetables. It also received small grants from Daera and Woven to refurbish the kitchen shed. The Men's Shed incurred depreciation costs of £404.94 and spent £10,013.38 on the following (including £4,732.87 from restricted funding):

Suppliers of services/grant delivery	£2,725.00
Insurance	£535.54
Electricity	£850.08
Projects and associated expenses	£5,369.03
Other (including catering)	£533.73

Fencing – The fencing group incurred costs of £995.50 for coaching and room hire which were covered by fees paid by participants totalling £1,120.00

Resettlement – The Hollywood Resettlement Group received reimbursement of £1,587.00 from the Home Office for ESOL childcare costs (under the Reset programme) and incurred costs of £5,419.25 including the following:

Family	£2,706.25
Childcare	£2,044.00
Translation Costs	£636.30

Hollywood Resettlement Group also made donations to the value of £550.00 and had depreciation costs of £167.99.

6) Projects.

During the year Hollywood Shared Town carried out the following projects:

Creative Hollywood. Creative Hollywood was awarded a Community Festival grant of £3,000 from ANDBC and an Arts grant of £536.22 for its programme of cultural events/activities. Its direct costs were £9,686.25 and it incurred depreciation costs of £1001.92.

Green Projects. Hollywood Shared town is engaged in a number of 'green' projects of the on-going restoration of **Dunville Garden** is currently the most active. Grants totalling £6,788 were awarded (by Keep NI Beautiful - Live Here Love Here, National Garden Scheme - Community Garden and ANDBC) to allow Hollywood Shared Town to purchase plants and hard landscaping materials, and to run activities and events at Dunville Garden including a summer conservation camp for local teenagers.

Hollywood Fund. Hollywood Fund received £165.00 in loan repayments and wrote off the balance of £135.00 due on the loan (in light of the borrower's financial circumstances).

7) Administration.

Hollywood Shared Town incurred the following administrative costs (of which £1,185.57 were paid from restricted funding).

Independent examination of accounts	£54.00
Insurance	£1,097.57
Companies House Confirmation Statement	£34.00
Other expenses	<u>£285.39</u>
Total	£1,470.89

Hollywood Shared Town allocated £1,144 from the overall ANDBC Community Development grant of £2,225 towards its administrative costs.

8) Tangible Fixed Assets.

Hollywood Shared Town did not purchase any new fixed assets over 2024-5.

After depreciation the net value of the fixed assets at the end of the year was £8,148.80 broken down as follows:

	<i>Men's Shed</i>	<i>Dunville Garden</i>	<i>Fiddle Field</i>	<i>Creative</i>	<i>HRG</i>	<i>Total</i>
Book value						
at 1 Apr 2024	£1,622.80	£1,178.40	£3,252.00	4,007.67	£839.97	£10,900.84
Purchases	£0.009	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
at 31 Mar 2025	£1,622.80	£1,178.40	£3,252.00	£4,007.67	£839.97	£10,900.84
Depreciation	£404.94	£294.60	£813.00	£1,001.93	£167.99	£2,752.04
Book value 31 March 2025	£1,148.27	£883.80	£2,439.00	£3,005.75	£671.98	£8,148.80

9) Petty Cash. At year end, Hollywood Men's Shed held petty cash of £212.25 and Hollywood Resettlement Group held petty cash of £27.02

10) Debtors.

At the end of the year

1. the following grant payments were due:

ANDBC Community Festival grant 2024-5	£3,000.00
ANDBC Community Development grant 2024-5	£2,225.00
Balance of the ANDBC Arts grant 2024-5 (50%)	£268.11
Balance of Clear Project grant	<u>£545.00</u>

2. The following sponsorship payment was due from Hollywood CC: £700.00

Sub-total (restricted payments) £6,738.11

3. The following unrestricted payments (memberships and donations) were due: £1,018.56

Total: £7,756.67

11) Liabilities.

At the end of the year Hollywood Shared Town had the following creditors:

Artists/performers fees (Creative) £900.00

Tutor fee (Patchwork) £250.00

Total: £1,150.00

12) Allocation of Funds.

At the end of the year Hollywood Shared Town's funds included some amounts it has allocated as designated for specific activities or projects:

For Hollywood Men's Shed (including petty cash of £212.25,
fixed assets worth £1,148.27 and National Lottery grant of £19,734.04) £28,772.03

For Patchwork £17.44

For Hollywood Resettlement Group (including petty cash of £27.02
and fixed assets worth £671.98) £3,161.16

For Fencing £265.00

For Creative Hollywood (including fixed assets worth £3,005.75) £7,887.42

For Green Projects (other than Fiddle Field) including fixed assets £1,203.93
worth £883.80 and balance grant funding of £290.42

For Fiddle Field (no cash - fixed asset worth £2,439.00 only) £2,439.00

For the Hollywood Fund £170.00

£43,915.98

Unallocated – and therefore in reserve £1,967.17

Total: £45,883.15

13) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses.

As approved in advance by the trustees, one trustee was paid £1,250.00 in April 2024 for professional services provided to the company in connection with the 2023 Creative Hollywood Festival. This payment was permitted under the company's articles of association, was paid out of net profits from the 2023 Creative Hollywood Festival (and was considered to be a reasonable and proper fee for the service provided). A connected party of one trustee was paid a fee of £300 for providing services in connection with the 2024 Creative Hollywood Festival. This was also approved in advance by the trustees as it was considered to be a reasonable and proper fee for the services (and in line with what other suppliers were paid).

Three trustees received expenses totalling £6,260.32 between them for credit card or cash purchases they made on behalf of the charity in circumstances where payment by cheque or on-line bank transfer directly to the supplier was not practical. One connected party was paid £17.80 in expenses/

14) Reserves.

HST's policy is to ensure that it has sufficient reserves to cover contingencies such as having to close the company. As the company holds grant income and sufficient cash in its bank account to pay its creditors and has no employees (and therefore no redundancy commitments), its obligations in such an eventuality would be minimal. Therefore, the trustees' primary concern is managing the company cashflow and ensuring the company holds sufficient cash in its bank account to enable it to deliver projects where some (or all) of the funding is paid in arrears. This is monitored by the Treasurer on a continuing basis and reviewed regularly by the other trustees. No cashflow concerns were identified or raised by the trustees.

15) Independent Accounts Examination.

As set out Note 7, the fee paid for the independent examination of the accounts was £54.00.

Hollywood Shared Town

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101962

Accounts



Company Limited by Guarantee

Accounts 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Company Number		NI 617275
Charity Reference Numbers	CCNI:	NIC 101962
	HMRC:	NI 00159

Board of Directors - during the year the directors were:

Kim Addis

Simon Bridge

Helen Dolk

Tim Kerr

Bill Lockhart

Caroline Meharg – appointed 19 March 2024

Rachel Woods – appointed – 19 March 2024

Lauren Kendall – resigned 19 March 2024

Robin Masefield – resigned 9 October 2023

Nicola Murphy – resigned 19 March 2024

Cash Flow

1 Apr 2023 to 31 Mar 2024

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Brought forward: (from 2022-2023)		£19,992.50
Income: Grants due for previous year's activity		£4,493.97
Invoices due at start of year		£0.00
Grants paid for current year's activity	(1)	£52,790.42
Advances – 2024-5 grant paid	(1)	£1,946.00
Donations and gift aid repayment	(2)	£18,898.27
Other income (including activity membership)	(3) & (4)	<u>£9,400.44</u>
		£87,529.10
Expenditure: Activities and projects	(5) & (6)	£88,450.37
Administration	(7)	<u>£1,298.59</u>
		£89,748.96
Change in cash on hand and in bank:		-£2,219.86
Carried forward: (to 2024-2025)		£17,772.64

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities 1 Apr 23 to 31 Mar 24

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds 2022-23</i>
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Grants	(1)		£62,423.45	£62,423.45	£54,674.77
Donations (inc gift aid)	(2)	£18,898.27		£18,898.27	£23,490.17
Activity membership	(3)	£2,438.00		£2,438.00	£1,042.00
Other Income	(4)	£450.00	£6,812.44	£7,262.44	
Total Income		£21,786.27	£69,235.89	£91,022.16	£79,206.94
<u>Resources expended (net)</u>					
On charitable activities:					
Grant repaid				£0	£0
Activities	(5)	£14,793.03	£7,842.44	£22,635.47	£15,465.83
Projects	(6)	£7,221.79	£63,464.61	£70,686.40	£39,270.54
Administration	(7)	£1,298.59	£0	£1,298.59	£1,359.63
Total Expenditure		£23,313.41	£71,307.05	£96,620.46	£56,096.00
Net movement in funds		-£1,527.14	-£2,071.16	-£3,598.30	£23,110.94
Total funds brought forward		£27,135.71	£9,578.10	£36,713.81	£13,602.87
Total funds carried forward		£25,608.57	£7,506.94	£33,115.51	£36,713.81

Balance Sheet

	<i>Note</i>	<i>at 31 Mar 24</i>	<i>at 1 Apr 23</i>
Fixed assets	(8)	£10,900.84	£12,227.34
Current Assets			
Cash on hand (petty cash)	(9)	£182.64	£160.61
Cash in Bank		£17,590.00	£19,831.89
Debtors	(10)	<u>£7,987.03</u>	<u>£4,493.97</u>
		£36,660.51	£36,713.81
Creditors (falling due within 1 year)	(11)	<u>£3,545.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Net Assets		£33,115.51	£36,713.81
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Funds			
At start of year		£36,713.81	£13,602.87
Net increase/(decrease)		<u>(£3,598.29)</u>	<u>£23,110.94</u>
Funds at end of year	(12)	£33,115.51	£36,713.81

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- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

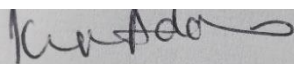
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These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25 September 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board of Holywood Shared Town by:
Chair

Signed,



Rachel Woods



Kim Addis

Notes

1) Grant Income.

Debts of £4,000.00 for the balance of the ANDBC 2022-23 Community Festival grant and £293.97 being the balance of the ACNI Lottery grant together with the balance of the ANDBC Good Relations grant of £200 were received: £4,493.97

During the year the following grants were awarded and claimed:

BUPA Foundation Green Community grant (80% payment)	£2,250.00
ACNI Lottery grant for artist in residence (90% payment)	£3,123.00
ANDBC Hardship Funding– part payment	£18,541.00
National Lottery Platinum Jubilee grant - interim payments	£24,422.00
Social Farms & Gardens grant (conservation camp)	£1,500.00
ANDBC In Bloom grant	£1,000.00
ANDBC - Coronation Lunch grant to Hollywood Men's Shed	£500.00
ANDBC Good Relations grant – part payment	£335.67
ANDBC – Arts grant (50% payment)	£288.75
John Grey – small grant to Hollywood Men's Shed	£300.00
Habinteg	£330.00
Groundwork NI small grant to Hollywood Men's Shed	<u>£200.00</u>
	£52,790.42

The following 2024-5 grant was awarded and paid in advance (100%)

Community Fund – Community Garden grant 2024-5	<u>£1,946.00</u>
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At the end of the year to following grants were due:

ANDBC 2023-4 Community Festival grant	£4,000.00
ANDBC Community Development grant for 2022-23	£1,600.00
ACNI – balance of National Lottery grant (Artist in Residence)	£347.00
ANDBC – balance of Arts grant	£288.75
BUPA Foundation – balance of Green Community grant	£250.00
ANDBC – balance of Good Relations grant	£664.00
ANDBC – balance of Hardship Funding grant	<u>£537.28</u>
	£7,687.03

2) Donations and Contributions.

During the year the following donations and contributions were received:

Men's Shed	£7,884.48
Hollywood Resettlement Group	£2,060.00
Creative Hollywood	£8,593.79
Gift Aid repayment	<u>£0</u>

Total	£18,898.27
3) <u>Activity Membership(s)</u> .	
Patchwork	£460.00
Men's Shed	£760.00
Fencing	<u>£1,218.00</u>
Total	£2,438.00
4) <u>Other Income</u> . The following other income was received:	
Hollywood Resettlement Group - reimbursement of eligible costs from the Home Office	£6812.44
Men's Shed – compensation from HSBC	<u>£150.00</u>
	£6,962.44

5) Activities.

Hollywood Shared Town has a class of Activity Member so that it can assist particular groups who would struggle to incorporate and/or seek charity registration as separate entities. The four current activity members are Patchwork, Hollywood Men's Shed, the Fencing class and Hollywood Resettlement Group. Each activity member is accounted for as separate cost centre. Their income is recorded in the notes above and their costs are indicated in the following notes:

Patchwork – Patchwork had room hire and tutoring costs of £976. The room hire cost of £456.00 will be paid from the Community Development 2023-4 grant.

Men's Shed –The Men's Shed incurred depreciation costs of £404.94 and spent £5,054.91 on the following (including £810.00 from restricted funding):

Power, heat and light	£624.10
Insurance	£600.30
Catering	£604.08
Projects and associated expenses	£2,843.18
Equipment	£347.99
Other	£35.26

Fencing – The fencing group incurred costs of £1,098.00 for coaching and room hire which were covered by fees paid by participants totalling £1,218.00

Resettlement – The Hollywood Resettlement Group raised £2,060 from donations, received reimbursement of £6,812.44 from the Home Office for ESOL childcare costs, settling in costs and void rent costs (under the Reset programme) and incurred costs of £13,532.07 of which £7,012.44 was from restricted funding) including the following:

Utility Bills	£585.78
Family	£4,369.34
Void Rent Costs	£1,000.00
Fit Out Costs	£779.46
Childcare	£4,056.00
Translation Costs	£1,277.04
Other Costs	£74.48

Hollywood Resettlement Group also purchased fixed assets to the value of £839.97 and made donations of £550.00.

6) Projects.

During the year Hollywood Shared Town carried out the following projects:

Creative Hollywood. Creative Hollywood was awarded a Community Festival grant of £4,000 from ANDBC and an Arts grant of £577.50 for its programme of activities. It also received ACNI Lottery funding of £3,470.00 for its 'Artists in Residence' activity. Its direct costs were £13,196.61 and it incurred depreciation costs of £1001.92.

Green Projects. Hollywood Shared town is engaged in a number of 'green' projects of which these were the ones with significant activity during the year:

Dunville Garden – Work continued on the restoration of the Dunville garden at Redburn. Grants totalling £5,500 were awarded (by BUPA, ANDBC and Social Farms & Gardens) to allow Hollywood Shared Town to purchase plants and hard landscaping materials, and to run activities and events at Dunville Garden including a summer conservation camp, school eco-clubs and a coronation lunch for local residents hosted by Hollywood Men's Shed.

Fiddle Field –Liaison continued with NIEA and ANDBC about the site and its preparation for a community growing space. The balance of the National Lottery Platinum Jubilee grant of £24,422 was received and costs of £27,464.89 incurred.

Hardship Fund – Hollywood Shared Town received a grant of £19,078.28 from ANDBC to alleviate financial hardship in the local community. This grant was used to support St Vincent de Paul, Hollywood in providing food and fuel vouchers for local residents, to purchase food for Redburn After School Club and Redburn Over 55's Club, to deliver a series of eco-clubs for local primary schools and to facilitate a multi-cultural cooking event.

Hollywood Fund. During the year the Hollywood Fund made a short term loan of £300 to a local resident in financial hardship, leaving £5 available. The borrower is recorded as a debtor in the accounts.

7) Administration.

Apart from its identified activities and projects, Hollywood Shared Town incurred the following administrative costs.

Independent examination of accounts	£54.00
Insurance	£949.12
Other expenses	<u>£295.47</u>
Total	£1,298.59

8) Tangible Fixed Assets. During the year:

The Men's Shed purchased two saws at a total cost of £347.99.

Hollywood Resettlement Group purchased several items of furniture and a mobile phone for its Afghan family.

After depreciation the net value of the fixed assets at the end of the year was £10,900.84 broken down as follows:

	<i>Men's Shed</i>	<i>Dunville Garden</i>	<i>Fiddle Field</i>	<i>Creative</i>	<i>HRG</i>	<i>Total</i>
Book value						
at 1 Apr 2023	£1,679.75	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	5,009.59	£0.00	£12,227.34
Additions	£347.99	£0.00	£0.00	£5,009.59	£839.97	£1,187.96
at 31 Mar 2024	£2,027.74	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	£5,009.59	£839.97	£13,415.30
Depreciation	£404.94	£294.60	£813.00	£1,001.92	£0	£2,514.46
Book value 31 March 2024	£1,622.80	£1,178.40	£3,252.00	£4,007.67	£839.97	£10,900.84

9) Petty Cash. At year end, Holywood Men's Shed held petty cash of £43.32 and Holywood Resettlement Group held petty cash of £139.32

10) Debtors.

At the end of the year

1. the following grant payments were due:

ANDBC Community Festival grant	£4,000.00
ANDBC Community Development grant 2023-4	£1,600.00
Balance of the ANDBC Arts grant (50%)	£288.75
Balance of the ACNI grant (10%)	<u>£347.00</u>
Balance of the ANDBC Good Relations grant	£664.00
Balance of Hardship Fund	£537.28
Balance of BUPA Groundwork grant	<u>£250.00</u>
	£7,687.03

2. The following loan was due for repayment

	<u>£300.00</u>
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Total

£7,987.03

11) Liabilities.

At the end of the year Holywood Shared Town had the following creditors:

Artist/s in residence (payable from restricted funds)	£3470.00
Ulster Orchestra (unrestricted)	<u>£75.00</u>
Total:	£3,545.00

12) Allocation of Funds.

At the end of the year Holywood Shared Town's funds included some amounts it has allocated as designated for specific activities or projects:

For Holywood Men's Shed (including petty cash of £43.32 and fixed assets worth £1,622.80)	£7,722.29
For Patchwork	£260.94
For Holywood Resettlement Group (including petty cash of £139.32 and fixed assets worth £839.97)	£7,711.40
For Fencing	£140.50
For Creative Holywood (including equipment of £4,007.67)	£6,463.31
For Green Projects	£164.23
For Dunville Garden (including the Community Garden grant)/ Fiddle Field/Holywood Walks (including fixed assets of £4,430.40)	£6,868.34

For Growing Food Growing Community	£1,134.33
For the Hollywood Fund	<u>£305.00</u>
	£30,770.34
Unallocated – and therefore in reserve	<u>£2,345.17</u>
Total:	£33,115.51

13) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses.

One trustee received a fee of £1,250.00 for acting as creative director for the Creative Hollywood Festival. This was considered to be a specialist service and the fee was deemed by the other trustees to be reasonable and proper. A connected party of one trustee was also paid a fee of £625.00 for providing services in connection with the Creative Hollywood Festival. Again, this was considered to be a reasonable and proper fee for the services (and in line with what other suppliers were paid).

Five trustees received expenses totalling £7,978.62 between them for credit card or cash purchases they made on behalf of the charity in circumstances where payment by cheque or on-line bank transfer directly to the supplier was not practical.

14) Reserves.

HST's policy is to ensure that it has sufficient reserves to cover contingencies such as having to close the company. As the company holds grant income and sufficient cash in its bank account to pay its creditors and has no employees (and therefore no redundancy commitments), its obligations in such an eventuality would be minimal. Therefore, the company's primary concern is managing cashflow and holding sufficient cash in its bank account to enable it to deliver projects where some (or all) of the funding is paid in arrears – and this is monitored on a continuing basis.

15) Independent Accounts Examination.

As set out Note 7, the fee paid for the independent examination of the accounts was £54.00.

Hollywood Shared Town

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101962

Annual report

Hollywood Shared Town

Annual Report

For the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024



Hollywood Shared Town is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland and a registered charity. Its company number is NI 617275, charity reference number NIC 101962 and HMRC charity number NI 00159.

The registered office is % 3 Bangor Road, Hollywood, Co Down, BT18 0NT.

During the year the directors were:

- Simon Bridge
- Helen Dolk
- Tim Kerr
- Bill Lockhart
- Lauren Kendall (resigned 19 March 2024)
- Nicola Murphy (resigned 19 March 2024)
- Kim Addis
- Rachel Woods (appointed 19 March 2024)

INTRODUCTION

Purpose Vision and Core Objective

Purpose: to forge and build mutually supportive working relationships between the many organisations, groups, businesses and individuals in the Hollywood area; to encourage and enable these groups and individuals to work together, and to undertake initiatives and activities with the overall ambition of creating and sustaining a cohesive, shared community that reflects and celebrates the growing diversity in the Hollywood area.

Vision: to build within Hollywood and the surrounding area the relationships and 'social capital' that helps individuals and local groups work more effectively for the benefit of everyone living and working in the Hollywood area - and thereby achieve our core objective.

Objective: our core charitable objective is the continuous development of Hollywood as a town that:

- ❖ is safe and welcoming for everyone
- ❖ has a strong and thriving community and a high quality of life
- ❖ has a vibrant cultural scene and pride in its local history and heritage
- ❖ has a prosperous local economy
- ❖ is inclusive and celebrates our community's increasing diversity
- ❖ promotes sustainable practices that enhance both the health and wellbeing of individuals living and working in the Hollywood area and the environment

Our **Methods** include:

1. Facilitating and participating in initiatives that build relationships with other relevant groups
2. Undertaking projects both in our own name and in partnership with other groups that share our vision and objectives
3. Acting as an 'umbrella' organisation for groups that would otherwise be unable to operate

There were several changes to the trustees during the year including the resignations of Nicola Murphy and Lauren Kendall and the appointment of Rachel Woods, all on 19 March 2024. In February 2024 we updated our Articles of Association to rationalise and simplify the categories of membership.

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN

The initiatives undertaken and/or supported during 2023-4 were split between:

1. Activities (through our activity membership scheme); and
2. Projects

• *Activity membership.* Hollywood Shared Town's 'activity' members are groups of individuals that come together to undertake a specific activity or purpose under the umbrella of, and supported by, Hollywood Shared Town. In 2023-4 we supported **Hollywood Men's Shed**, **Patchwork** (a local sewing group), the **Fencing Club** and **Hollywood Resettlement Group**.

• *Project Activity.* Hollywood Shared Town undertook a number of projects in its own name (or under the Hollywood Men's Shed banner) to enhance the wellbeing and quality of life of individuals living or working in the Hollywood area and/or to develop and enhance the amenity of the town and surrounding area – particularly cultural and environmental activity.

Cultural activities. Hollywood Shared Town continues to put a high value on the role of creative activity as an important component within its strategic objectives. Whilst we do produce events across the year with talks and music events, for example, our largest undertaking is throughout the month of March with the **Creative Hollywood Festival**.

Environmental activities. We continued to work on initiatives for the restoration and use of **Dunville Community Garden** at Redburn County Park and the nearby **Fiddle Field**. Hollywood Men's Shed also undertook and supported a range of initiatives to encourage the conservation, appreciation and use of Redburn County Park. We also facilitated the walking for health group and supported the development of eco-clubs in local schools.

ACTIVITY MEMBER GROUPS: FACILITATING GROUP ACTIVITY

Hollywood Men's Shed

The Men's Shed had a busy year with a full programme of activities and visits. Membership continued to grow and the Men's Shed were able to open the shed 7 days a week to facilitate a range of activities, chief of which remains various forms of wood working and recycling wood to make garden benches, tables, mud kitchens and similar. The busy arts and craft shed, where a number of members demonstrate their creative skills producing a range of products, such as stained glass items, paintings and restoring old lamps, continued to thrive. The gardening group made full use of the polytunnel with the help of an "*In Bloom*" grant from Ards and North Down Borough Council which allowed the Men's Shed to gift plants to local schools, nursing homes, housing associations, churches and pensioners.

The work, undertaken by specialist contractors on behalf of NIEA, restoring the back wall of the Stable Yard was completed in Spring 2023. This created a lot of extra space for outdoor working and much needed storage. Members erected covered structures to protect these spaces from the weather and allow us to install outside plug sockets to drive power machinery which previously would have had to be used in confined indoor sheds. They were also able to buy new power tools and replace worn hand tools and safety equipment.

They had a regular programme of events at the base in the Stable Yard at Redburn County Park. A highlight of the year was a family-oriented Coronation Lunch in lovely weather in May funded by Ards and North Down Borough Council. This was very well supported by the local community and everyone had a great time with plenty to eat and activities, such as outdoor games and a circus school.



Coronation Lunch at the Men's Shed

They took their, now traditional, stall at the annual May Day Fair in Holywood to showcase their work and to fundraise to help pay for running costs by selling items made by members and plants grown at the shed. At the end of June 2023, with the support of funding from Habinteg Housing Association, they ran a free "Health and Wellbeing Day" for the local community. They had a range of stalls and workshops including Tai Chi, yoga, health checks, and for home and community safety. Thanks is extended to Habinteg for providing both funding and healthy free food for this event.

During July/August 2023 in partnership with the Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and the Dunville Heritage Community Garden, they ran a Conservation Camp for older teenagers from Holywood Youth Centre. It was great to see children from refugee and asylum-seeking families join in the weekly sessions. This helps these young people integrate with local teenagers. They are indebted to Social Farms and Gardens for funding the Conservation Camp.



Health and Wellbeing Fair June 23

Other events included an apple picking day at Crawfordsburn Country Park, a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop facilitated by TCV and an excellent, well attended Christmas lunch at Shorts Social Club.

As well as events at base, they had a programme of visits to and from other Men's Sheds throughout the year. These included visits from Gortnamonagh Men's Shed, Black Mountain Men's Group and Kilkeel Men's Shed. Hollywood Men's Shed, in turn, visited the ARK Men's Shed in Newcastle, Rostrevor Men's Shed and Cloughmills Men's Shed. These visits turn out to be great social events and amazing learning opportunities as members share their experiences and "tricks of the trade". The hospitality is always mighty.



Mud kitchens made by Hollywood Men's Shed

Financially Men's Shed consolidated their position and ended the year with a healthy £7k plus in the bank. This is in no short measure due a very generous donation of more than £3k from the Knocknagoney Knights Men's Group and more than £2k from the Dublin based Sceptre Foundation. They also received a donation from John Gray and Sons for arts and craft equipment and, of course, many very generous donations from the public both in cash and kind. They are most grateful for the many people who support our work in all sorts of ways and would like to thank them most sincerely. This in turn allows us to support initiatives in the local community and undertake work for local schools, such making equipment for their eco clubs and donation of plants and help other charities and care homes.

Hollywood Resettlement Group

Having met the requirements to sponsor an Afghan refugee family under the Home Office's "Community Sponsorship" scheme, the Hollywood Resettlement Group were delighted to learn in February 2023 that they had been referred a family of five, an Afghan family residing in Iran with a likely arrival date of May/June. It was all hands on deck over April/May to get everything in order for their arrival. While the group were incredibly fortunate to have been offered a house to rent within easy reach of local amenities (by a flexible landlord) they had to find school places, final items of furniture for the house, summer schemes for the children, translation services and more at short notice. Luckily the army of volunteers, supporters and friends rallied round to get everything ready in time and to make the house warm and welcoming for the family.

The family finally arrived in Northern Ireland on 7 June 2023 to glorious sunshine after a long and tiring journey via Qatar and London. One of the Group volunteered to cook a welcome meal for their first evening which was greatly appreciated by the family. They then had another busy few months getting the family settled into their new home, started in school, helped to get school uniforms, helped to open a bank account, registered with doctors, dentists etc, enrolled for English lessons and helped to find their way around Hollywood and Belfast. The first few months were a steep learning curve for the group and a culture shock for the family as they adjusted to their new life in Hollywood.

As the months went on, they were more and more impressed by the positive 'can do' attitude shown by the family and their determination to make a success of life here in Northern Ireland. Both the children and mum have risen to every challenge and accepted every opportunity offered to them by the local community. The boys both enjoy sports and tried out football, rugby and cricket. The girls are keen dancers and gymnasts. The group have been amazed (and impressed) at the speed at which the family's English has improved since their arrival and their increasing confidence in using public transport for outings to Belfast and further afield. They particularly enjoy the beach and playpark at Seapark. The family have also made friends and built up a support network, including amongst the refugee and asylum seeker community in Northern Ireland.

The group were delighted to learn from the Home Office that the family included the 1000th refugee brought to the UK under the Community Resettlement Scheme.

The group has found that their lives have been enriched by the experience of getting to know a family from a different culture and our involvement with other local refugees and asylum seekers. They would like to thank everyone in the Hollywood community who has reached out with offers of support, found spaces for the children at local clubs and generally made the family feel safe and welcome. They get regular feedback from mum (and Reset, the charity overseeing community sponsorship) as to how much she appreciates everything the local community has done and how settled and happy the family feels in Hollywood.

Our affiliation with Hollywood Shared Town remains important, and we have continued to work with them on activities with the Creative Hollywood arts activity and their "Green Spaces" initiative.

Hollywood Shared Town is the NI member of the Community Sponsorship Alliance, working to promote Community Sponsorship across the UK, and helped organise an event held at the House of Commons in September 2023 attended by our project manager.

The Fencing Club

The Fencing Club ran nine two-hour coaching sessions over the school holidays when the local school hall was not available for practice. Numbers continued to grow reaching 27 and requiring the appointment of a second coach. Average attendance at each coaching session was 15. The club enables local junior fencers to practice, retain fitness and maintain a competitive edge throughout the fencing competing season. As a result of this on-going access to coaching and a space to practice, a number of fencers have successfully competed in competitions outside Northern Ireland in Ireland and Great Britain.

Patchwork

Patchwork sewing circle continued to meet throughout the year every Thursday between September and May. There are currently seven full time members who enjoyed undertaking a variety of sewing projects under guidance.

Hollywood Shared Town's on-going facilitation of these classes is hugely important in combatting isolation and loneliness felt by more isolated elderly members of our community. When asked what they gain from the weekly classes, participants responded:

"friendship" and "a place to socialise and be creative".

Class members come together to share ideas and learn new skills. For two hours a week they can forget their problems and spend time together doing something they love.

PROJECT ACTIVITY: ENHANCING HOLYWOOD

Creative Hollywood: a programme of creative and cultural activity

Creative Hollywood Festival

This year the Creative Hollywood Festival mounted 11 events which spanned a range of artforms. They included contemporary dance, classical music, jazz, and literature, as well as two artists-in-residence who ran a series of workshops in writing, visual art, and music. Nearly 150 participants took part in the festival and over 1,000 residents and others attended the events.

The festival opened with *'An Evening of Dance'*, curated by two of NI's young rising dance artists, Michael McEvoy and Clara Kerr. They brought together a wonderfully diverse programme that included two new pieces with renowned musician Joshua Burnside; the Aisling School of Irish Dance; Nabanita Chatterjee & Kuhumita Dakar performing an Indian dance piece; street dance artist Rhys Devlin aka Kid Noise; and the premiere of *Silver Linings*, commissioned by Macmillan Cancer Support, with composer Keith Acheson, and the Sing for Life Choir.

Some of the music highlights included Bach's majestic St John Passion, performed by the Ulster Consort (conductor Matthew Owens) with soloists Jeremy Budd and William Gaunt. They were accompanied by a band of some of the leading period instrumentalists in Europe.

Chris Blake, the former Ulster Orchestra principal oboe, teamed up with Anna Gregg, soprano, and a trio of string players from the UO for a performance that included Mozart, Vaughan Williams and Holst.

The festival also hosted some Sunday morning blues with the formidable Ronnie Greer, Ken Haddock and John McCullough; a concert of world music with an array of musicians from across the globe; and the extraordinary talents of gypsy jazz aficionados, Belleville.



Sunday Blues at Hollywood Yacht Club

Added to this the festival also enjoyed two 'In Conversation' events, welcoming the prominent journalist Eamonn Mallie who talked about his new memoir "*Eye Witness to War and Peace*" with Brian Rowen, former BBC political correspondent. In addition, the wind energy pioneer, Andrew Garrad (recipient of the 2024 Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering) talked about his 45 years in the wind energy industry.



In Conversation with Eamonn Mallie

This year's artists-in-residence were the poet Maria McManus and composer Keith Acheson. They led a series of workshops in primary schools and community groups which culminated in a showcase event as a finale to the festival.

Creative Hollywood placed great importance on the high artistic quality of the programme. The continuing sell-out audiences for the festival illustrates the demand and appreciation for top level cultural activity which brings an energetic buzz to the town in early Spring. The festival's programmed events featured local artists, as well as those from diverse backgrounds to encourage community involvement and community relations. This year also saw an increase number of volunteers who helped with the festival - having a planned rota per event, which

created a balanced involvement of local people 'learning the ropes' of different aspects of event management and customer relations, box office, etc.

The festival is promoted to all members of our community and this year received additional support to enable it to run some free events. With the help of our funders, the festival was able to target those amongst the most deprived within our community and ring-fence places for them.

The festival and our other creative activities could not happen without the valuable support from a number of very important funders. These include Ards & North Down Borough Council; the Arts Council of NI; the Holywood Chamber of Commerce; Woven Housing Association; the Department for Communities; the BUPA Foundation; and Johnsons Coffee. Creative Holywood are immensely grateful for their continued support.

Heritage and Environmental Activities - Green Spaces

Helping the community to:

- *preserve, restore and enjoy Holywood's historic and natural heritage*
- *engage in local physical conservation and environmental initiatives*

During the year Holywood Shared Town continued to work on a number of projects under our 'Green Spaces' initiative which aims to engage the community in physical conservation and environmental programmes as well as helping to develop, care for, and increase people's use and enjoyment of Holywood's historic and natural heritage.

The Dunville Heritage Community Garden

This garden situated in Redburn Country Park behind the Holywood Men's Shed has been the focus of Holywood Shared Town's Green Spaces Initiative. This is in collaboration with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). This collaboration is now in its second year and has been immensely valuable. It has enabled progress on the project at a much greater pace than otherwise could have been managed and helped with expertise in horticulture and biodiversity, ground preparation and installation of raised beds, seed sowing and planting, the running of the green gyms programme, as well as guidance in the sourcing of supplies, and event management. Over 2023-4 much work was undertaken in partially restoring the old Dunville family kitchen garden and a start was made on part of the pleasure garden.



Dunville Heritage Garden - the early days

This has come about not only through the tireless energy and commitment of the small team who steer the different elements of the programme, but also through the growing number of volunteers from the local community who are at the heart of our work and who have become the bedrock of the advances across the year.

A series of events were run over the year at the garden. These included a Christmas wreath making workshop, a bird watch and recognition event for families, British Science Week at which local people and children were encouraged to bring soil samples from their gardens to have them expertly analysed, and a plant and seed swapping and plant and grow event. In cooperation with Holywood Men’s Shed, the Conservation Camp for older teenagers from Holywood Youth Centre was held. All the events were well attended with positive feedback from participants.



Conservation Camp – Summer 2023

The programme of twice-weekly “green gyms” continued to go from strength to strength with 194 sessions taking place between 1st April 2022 and 30th June 2024. These sessions provide real value to the wellbeing of local residents and families from all backgrounds and abilities. Not only do the sessions offer the opportunity to learn about multiple aspects of sustainable growing, they also provide outdoor physical exercise and a chance to socialise while having fun. Equally importantly, they maintain and develop the garden. A summary table of the numbers of sessions held at Dunville Garden from May 2023 to June 2024 is below:

Dunville Garden Year 2: May '23 – June '24

Activity	Quantity	Volunteers/Attendees
Practical sessions	98	1,148
Engagements	6	21
TOTAL	104	1,169

Table 1: Dunville Garden activity sessions and attendees

Volunteer Impact

A deliberate point is made of ‘checking in’ with volunteers, conversationally and in written feedback. This enables monitoring and evaluating progress to take place, and provides an opportunity to respond to suggestions and requests made by those on the ground. It provides a ‘yardstick’ by which effectiveness and difference that the project is making to be known. A snapshot of some of the feedback includes:

- 100% of volunteers agreed (72% strongly agreed) that they felt more connected to nature;
- 100% of volunteers agreed (86% strongly agreed) that the project has had a positive impact on local green spaces;
- 100% of volunteers agreed (57% strongly agreed) they have learnt new skills;
- 100% of volunteers agreed (42% strongly agreed) that they feel more confident;

- 100% of volunteers agree (42% strongly agreed) that they feel more connected to their local community;
- 100% of volunteers agreed (72% strongly agreed) that the project has had a positive impact on the local community;
- 100% of volunteers agreed (86% strongly agreed) that they feel more connected to other people;
- 100% of volunteers agreed (72% strongly agreed) that they are more physically active;
- 100% of volunteers agree (72% strongly agreed) that their wellbeing has improved; and
- 100% of volunteers rated their overall experience with Holywood Shared Town and TCV as excellent.

Some comments from volunteers are below:

“An excellent project | I’ve learned a lot | Lovely people involved | Excellent support for the diversity of volunteers, taking on everyone’s views on tasks and plans for the garden | Great fun too! | Wonderful people, wonderful experience | I cannot fault anything at this project. It has had a positive impact on me, and I enjoy every aspect of being part of this group”

Across this year, the groups have been particularly pleased with the work in attracting the involvement of asylum seekers and refugees from our community. The support from the National Lottery has given leverage to access funding from Ards and North Down Borough Council to assist with transport costs and catering for this group of volunteers. Although sadly their residence in Holywood tends to be transient and unpredictable, there has been a successful establishment of a core of volunteers who regularly attend the garden (including one family who now travel from Belfast to keep up their participation).

A “thank you” dinner was held in Holywood Yacht Club in December 2023 to recognise the contribution of our volunteers, partners, funders and all who have helped throughout the year.



Thank You meal in Holywood Yacht Club December 2023

Another positive outcome from the collaboration with TCV was the successful bid to receive Dept. for Communities funding that enabled the development of Eco Clubs with local primary schools. Over 2023-4, a five-week programme in each of our four local schools was completed. This involved the construction of raised beds, planting fruit and vegetables, teaching students about soil fertility, propagation, and caring for nature and our environment. They have been hugely welcomed and appreciated by the schools and their pupils. The programme culminated in a half day visit by all the schools together at Dunville Garden where amongst other things, the bug hunt and building of bug hotels proved a real hit!



Primary school Eco Club visits the Dunville Garden

The development of Dunville Heritage Community Garden has also led to other ‘unforeseen’ benefits. For example, the provision of garden keys to two local care homes so that they can have access and provide a calm and beautiful place for their residents’ respite and enjoyment. Flowers grown and produced in the garden have been showcased at the local railway station, local social housing and pensioner housing units, as well as in four local schools.

We are indebted to our various funders who have helped make all this possible: this includes the Ards and North Down Borough Council and its “In Bloom” scheme, Social Farms and Gardens for funding the summer Conservation Camp, Woven Housing Association TBUC scheme for its help with a number of our family and community events, Groundwork/BUPA award which sponsored events such as the Thank You meal which had over 60 attendees. The wider community have also benefited – particularly those living in the nearby housing estates.

Finally, thanks is given to the local community who have been involved in and supported the development of the garden. They have shown a lot of interest and come along with gifts of plants and items for use in the garden.

Fiddle Field Community Growing Initiative

Progress on our community growing initiative at Fiddle Field was largely on hold as we awaited planning permission from Ards and North Down Borough Council.

OTHER ACTIONS:

Walking for Health Group

With support from the Health Development Department of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, the Walking for Health group has continued. The group meets at the Maypole Bar corner in High Street in Holywood at 11am each Wednesday morning. The walk uses varied routes and lasts for about an hour. After that, group members have the option of going for a cup of coffee together. People of all backgrounds and abilities are welcome to join. The group regularly post on social media to encourage new members to join them.

Hardship Response Initiative

Holywood Shared Town were successful in obtaining a ‘hardship fund’ grant from Ards and North Down Borough Council which allowed the roll out of initiatives to support members of our local community most directly impacted by the on-going cost of living crisis both through

the immediate provision of fuel and food vouchers and through the delivery of educational support for locally grown food and cooking. In this way, Shared Town are supporting the longer-term, sustainable, alleviation of food poverty and strengthening our community’s food security in line with our objectives and strategy.

In total, 1,286 individuals were helped directly either with fuel and food vouchers (distributed through St Vincent de Paul and Centra) or through food provided to local after-school clubs, over 55 clubs or the provision of school eco clubs/cookery workshops and further 288 individuals in those households benefited indirectly.

Liaison activities

Hollywood Shared Town continued to play its part in wider groupings affecting future developments in Hollywood. It participated in the Hollywood Town Advisory Group, which continued to be convened by Ards and North Down Borough Council with the Chair sitting as a community member. Shared Town Directors also participated in community consultations, specifically over the future of Queen’s Hall in Hollywood and worked with locally elected representatives in the Council on a number of matters relating to the need for community use of the asset.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND BENEFIT DELIVERED

The activity reports demonstrate not only *what* Hollywood Shared Town did during the year but also *why*. The main achievement throughout the year has been to continue to develop and enhance our contribution to Hollywood, and the surrounding area, in accordance with our purpose and vision.

The following table demonstrates how our key activities over 2023-4 contributed to Hollywood Shared Town’s objectives and helped the group to continue to deliver public benefit in line with our stated objects, as follows:

<i>HST’s objectives</i>	<i>The year’s activities – and their contributions</i>
A safe and welcoming place for people to live, learn, work, socialise, raise children and do business	Hollywood Shared Town’s various activities have delivered a variety of community benefits. The Men’s Shed outreach work has continued to build community links, Patchwork has continued to provide social interaction and interest for people who might otherwise feel isolated and the Resettlement Group welcomed an Afghan refugee family into the community.
A place that is inclusive and celebrates our community’s increasing diversity	‘Creative Hollywood’ ran a series of cultural to promote inclusivity and understanding. Our ‘Green Spaces’ initiative welcomes everyone in our community and gives refugees and asylum seekers an opportunity to engage with nature and interact with each other and the community. The Resettlement Group expanded its links with and support for local refugees and asylum seekers
A place with a vibrant cultural scene and pride in its heritage	Hollywood Shared Town continues to programme a calendar of arts events and activities. The Creative Hollywood Festival in March brings a range of events that this year drew full houses. The work on Dunville Heritage Community Garden (and Fiddle Field), alongside the walking group, has continued to highlight and to stimulate the maintenance and enjoyment of Hollywood’s green spaces.

<p>A place that promotes sustainable practices that enhance both individual health and wellbeing and the environment</p>	<p>Projects such as those of the Men's Shed, operating from the old stable yard at Redburn, the on-going work on the Dunville Garden, the Fiddle Field 'community growing' initiative, the Green Gyms ,Holywood walks, our summer conservation club for local teenagers, support for eco clubs in local schools and other initiatives have all helped to promote sustainable practices.</p> <p>We participated in ANDBC's Hardship Response Initiative which allowed us to directly assist 1286 members of our local community impacted by the on-going cost of living crisis and indirectly supported a further 288 members of their households through a variety of supports with food and fuel poverty.</p>
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ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES POLICY

Hollywood Shared Town's accounts for the year are attached which show the charity's financial position.

At the end of the year, the charity had funds of £33,115.51. Of this £7,506.94 were restricted funds i.e. reserved for specific activities, having been raised for those purposes, leaving unrestricted funds of £25,608.57 available for general charitable activities.

HST's policy is to ensure that it at all times holds sufficient unrestricted funds to cover contingencies such as having to wind up or dissolve the company. As outstanding liabilities at year end were minimal (and were covered by grant funding) and no staff with redundancy commitments or outgoings in relation to premises, its obligations in such an eventuality would be minimal.

Hollywood Shared Town wishes to extend its sincerest thanks to the Treasurer for the significant workload in dealing with the accounts.

GOVERNANCE AND FUTURE PLANS

Hollywood Shared Town's Board of Directors confirms that in its governance of the company it has had due regard to the Commission's guidance and its public benefit requirement.

The Board also confirms that Hollywood Shared Town's future plans are to continue, as far as possible and as deemed appropriate, to deliver its service to Hollywood and district and in particular to further its current projects and support its activity member groups.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE EXAMINER

We, the directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of the Financial Statements as set out below and confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- There is no relevant accounting information of which the company's auditors/examiners are unaware; and
- We have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant accounting information and to establish that the company's examiners are aware of that information.

In approving the Trustees' Annual Report, we also approve the strategic indications included therein, in our capacity as company directors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Directors would like to thank all those who helped them in all their various endeavours.

The activities reported above could not have been done without their assistance, and with the support of the local community and businesses.

On behalf of the board

Signed,


Date: 22 January 2025

Rachel Woods
Chair of Holywood Shared Town Board of Directors



**Hollywood Shared
Town Examiner's Re**

Hollywood Shared Town

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101962

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Hollywood Shared Town

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **31 March 2024**, as attached.

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 (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 62 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 NI 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:

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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 of the accounts of the **Hollywood Shared Town** 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 NI, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Maeve Killingbeck – Independent Examiner
For and on behalf of North Down Community Network
18th August 2024

Supported by:

Hollywood Shared Town

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101962

Accounts



Company Limited by Guarantee

Accounts 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Company Number		NI 617275
Charity Reference Numbers	CCNI:	NIC 101962
	HMRC:	NI 00159

Board of Directors - during the year the directors were:

Kim Addis – appointed 10 February 2023
Fiona Anderson – resigned 20 September 2022
Simon Bridge
Gordon Crozier – resigned 14 March 2023
Helen Dolk
Tim Kerr
Bill Lockhart
Lauren Kendall
Robin Masefield
Nicola Murphy
John Woods – resigned 14 March 2023

Cash Flow

1 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Brought forward: (from 2021-2022)		£10,638.17
Income: Grants due for previous year's activity		£1,240.00
Invoices due at start of year		0
Grants paid for current year's activity	(1)	£50,180.80
Donations and gift aid repayment	(2)	£23,490.17
Other income (including activity membership)	(3) & (4)	<u>£1,042.00</u>
		£75,952.97
Expenditure: On activities and projects	(5) & (6)	£65,239.01
On administration	(7)	<u>£1,359.63</u>
		£66,598.64
Change in cash on hand and in bank:		£9,354.33
Carried forward: (to 2023-2024)		£19,992.50

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities 1 Apr 22 to 31 Mar 23

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds 2021-22</i>
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Grants	(1)		£54,674.77	£54,674.77	£11,349.60
Donations (inc gift aid)	(2)	£23,490.17		£23,490.17	£12,632.17
Activity membership	(3)	£1,042.00		£1,042.00	£1,220.00
Total Income		£24,532.17	£54,674.77	£79,206.94	£25,201.77
<u>Resources expended (net)</u>					
On charitable activities:					
Grant repaid				0	£137.00
Activities	(5)	£14,815.83	£650.00	£15,465.83	£10,194.98
Projects	(6)	£2,081.39	£37,189.15	£39,270.54	£8,739.03
Administration	(7)	£149.63	£1,210.00	£1,359.63	£1,184.17
Total Expenditure		£17,046.85	£39,049.15	56,096.00	£20,255.18
Net movement in funds		£7,485.32	£15,625.62	£23,110.94	£4,946.59
Total funds brought forward		£13,452.87	£150.00	£13,602.87	£8,656.28
Total funds carried forward		£20,938.19	£15,775.62	£36,713.81	£13,602.87

Balance Sheet



	<i>Note</i>	<i>at 31 Mar 23</i>	<i>at 1 Apr 22</i>
Fixed assets	(8)	£12,227.34	£1,724.70
Current Assets			
Cash on hand (Men's Shed petty cash)		£160.61	£201.42
Cash in Bank		£19,831.89	£10,436.75
Debtors	(9)	<u>£4,493.97</u>	<u>£1,240.00</u>
		£36,713.81	£11,878.17
Creditors/Liabilities	(10)	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Net Assets		£36,713.81	£13,602.87
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Funds			
At start of year		£13,602.87	£8,656.28
Net increase/(decrease)		<u>£23,110.94</u>	<u>£4,946.59</u>
Funds at end of year	(11)	£36,713.81	£13,602.87

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Further:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

To the best of our knowledge these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and also comply with the 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 (FRS 102).

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7th August 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board of Holywood Shared Town by:

Chair		Nicola Murphy
Treasurer		Simon Bridge

Notes

1) Grant Income.

During the year the debts of £600.00 for the balance of the 2021-22 Community Development grant and £640.00 balance of the ANDBC 2021-22 Community Festival grant were received: £1,240.00

Also during the year the following grants were awarded and claimed:

ANDBC Community Development grant	£1,600.00
ANDBC Good Relations grant (80% payment)	£800.00
ACNI grant	£4,256.00
ACNI Lottery grant for artist in residence – part payment	£2,746.80
Lottery Jubilee grant - interim payments	£25,578.00
Lottery Community Fund grant	£10,000.00
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful grants	£4,700.00
Belfast City Airport	£200.00
Social Farms and Gardens microgrant for Dunville Garden	<u>£300.00</u>
	£50,180.80

At the end of the year to following grant balances were due:

The ANDBC Community Festival grant	£4,000.00
The balance of the ANDBC Good Relations grant	£200.00
The balance of the ACNI Lottery grant	<u>£293.97</u>
	£4,493.97

2) Donations and Contributions.

During the year the following donations and contributions were received:

Men's Shed	£3,887.19
Hollywood Resettlement Group	£14,530.57
Creative Hollywood	£2,259.91
Growing Food Growing Community	£2,500.00
Gift Aid repayment	<u>£312.50</u>
Total	£23,490.17

3) Activity Membership(s).

Patchwork	£500.00
Men's Shed	£470.00
Fencing	<u>£72.00</u>
Total	£1,042.00

4) Other Income. There was no other income this year.

5) Activities.

Hollywood Shared Town has a class of Activity Member so that it can assist particular groups who would struggle to incorporate and/or seek charity registration as separate entities. Currently the Patchwork, the Hollywood Men's Shed, the Fencing class and the Hollywood Resettlement Group are such activity membership groups and are accounted

for as separate cost centres. Their income is recorded in the notes above and their costs are indicated in the following notes:

Patchwork – Patchwork had room hire and tutoring costs of £910 and the room hire cost of £390 was paid from the Community Development grant.

Men's Shed – During the year the Men's Shed incurred depreciation costs of £344.94 and spent £8,639.66 for the following (including £200 from restricted finding):

Power, heat and light	£870.23
Insurance	£568.40
Catering	£489.81
Project costs	£2,729.10
Equipment bought	£299.99
Other (including tools and materials)	£3,682.13

Fencing – The fencing group incurred costs of £102 for coaching and room hire towards which the participants contributed £72.00

Resettlement – The Holywood Resettlement Group raised £15,643.07 during the year and had costs of £5,769.22 (including £60 from restricted funding).

6) Projects.

During the year Holywood Shared Town carried out the following projects:

Creative Holywood. Creative Holywood was awarded a Community Festival grant of £4,000 from ANDBC for its programme of activities and also received an Arts Council NI grant of £4,256.00 and an ACNI Lottery grant of up to £3,052. Its costs during the year were £12,917.99 but it acquired equipment worth £5,009.59.

Green Projects. Holywood Shared town has engaged in a number of 'green' projects of which these were the ones with significant activity during the year:

Dunville Garden – Work continued on the restoration of the Dunville garden at Redburn. A further £10,300.00 in grants was received for this and £9,804.95 was expended during the year including £1,473.00 for fittings and equipment.

Fiddle Field – During the year, liaison continued with NIEA and ANDBC about the site and its preparation for a community growing space. Grants of £30,278.00 were received towards this and the costs in the year totalled £26,733.94 including £4,065.00 for a polytunnel.

Growing Food Growing Community – Holywood Shared Town has assisted Holywood Transition Town with its GFGC project, for instance by running three community events – towards which it received £2,500 and by the end of the year had spent £361.25.

Holywood Fund. During the year there was no further activity for the Holywood Fund – leaving £305 still available.

7) Administration.

Apart from its identified activities and projects, Holywood Shared Town incurred the following administrative costs – most of which were covered by the ANDBC Community Development Grant.

Accounts checks	£54.00
Insurance	£860.00
Other expenses	<u>£445.63</u>
Total	£1,359.63

8) Tangible Fixed Assets. During the year:

The Men's Shed purchased a hand truck and a polytunnel for a total of £299.99.

A variety of fittings, tools and equipment were acquired for the Dunville Garden at a cost of £1,473.00.

A polytunnel costing £4,056.00 was bought for Fiddle Field.

Creative Hollywood bought a sound system and camera for a total of £5,009.59.

After depreciation the net value at the end of the year was £12,227,34:

	<i>Men's Shed</i>	<i>Dunville Garden</i>	<i>Fiddle Field</i>	<i>Creative</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost:					
at 1 Apr 22	£1,724.70	0	0	0	£1,724.70
additions	£299.99	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	£5,009.59	£10,847.58
at 31 Mar 23	£2,024.69	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	£5,009.59	£12,572.28
Depreciation	£344.94	0	0	0	£344.94
Net book value	£1,679.75	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	£5,009.59	£12,227.34

9) Debtors.

At the end of the year the following balances of grant payments were due:

The ANDBC Community Festival grant	£4,000.00
The remaining portion of the ANDBC Community Relations grant	£200.00
The remaining portion of the ACNI grant	<u>£293.97</u>
Total	£4,493.97

10) Liabilities.

At the end of the year Hollywood Shared Town had paid all its debts and had no outstanding creditors/liabilities.

11) Allocation of Funds.

At the end of the year Hollywood Shared Town's funds included some amounts it has allocated as designated for specific activities or projects:

For the Men's Shed (including petty cash of £160.61 and machines of £1679.75)	£3,209.67
For Patchwork	£320.94
For the Hollywood Resettlement Group	£11,531.06
For Fencing	£20.50
For Creative Hollywood (including equipment of £5,009.59)	£7,205.55
For Green Spaces	£141.76
For the Dunville Garden (including a polytunnel of £4,065.00)	£1,969.04
For Fiddle Field (including tools and equipment of £1,473.00)	£7,609.06
For Growing Food Growing Community	£2138.75
For the Hollywood Fund	<u>£305.00</u>
	£34,451.33
Unallocated – and therefore in reserve	<u>£2,262.48</u>
Total	£36,713.81

12) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses.

Five trustees received expenses totalling £1,978.37 between then for credit card or cash purchases they made on behalf of the charity in circumstances where payment by cheque or on-line bank transfer was not practical.

13) Reserves.

HST's policy is to ensure that it has enough reserves to cover contingencies such as having to close the company. However, as it has no outstanding liabilities and no staff with redundancy commitments, its obligations in such an eventuality would be minimal. Therefore the main concern is being able to undertake projects where some of the funding is only paid in arrears – and this is monitored on a continuing basis.

14) Independent Accounts Examination.

As indicated above in Note 7 the fees paid for the independent examination of the accounts were £54.00.



NORTH DOWN COMMUNITY NETWORK

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Charity Registration: XR37170

Company Number: NI050662

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Maeve Killingbeck

Maeve Killingbeck – Independent Examiner
For and on behalf of North Down Community Network
6th August 2023

Supported by:



Hollywood Shared Town

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101962

Annual report

Hollywood Shared Town

Annual Report

For the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023



Hollywood Shared Town is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland and a registered charity. Its company number is NI 617275, charity reference number NIC 101962 and HMRC charity number NI 00159.

The registered office is % 3 Bangor Road, Hollywood, Co Down, BT18 0NT.

During the year the directors were:

- Simon Bridge
- Helen Dolk
- Tim Kerr
- Bill Lockhart
- Lauren Kendall
- Nicola Murphy
- Robin Masefield
- Fiona Anderson – resigned 22 September 2022
- Gordon Crozier – resigned 14 March 2023
- John Woods – resigned 14 March 2023
- Kim Addis – appointed 10 February 2023

INTRODUCTION

Purpose Vision and Objectives of Hollywood Shared Town

Purpose: to forge and grow mutually supportive working relationships between the many organisations, groups, businesses and individuals in the Hollywood area; to encourage and enable these groups and individuals to work together, and to undertake initiatives and activities, all of which create a cohesive, shared community which reflects and celebrates the diversity that exists in the Hollywood area.

Vision: to build within Hollywood and the surrounding area the 'social capital' (including the network of contacts providing mutual support, advice, encouragement, information and other forms of assistance) that helps local groups to work better for the benefit of the community of everyone who lives and works in the Hollywood area - and thereby achieve our objective.

Objectives: the continuous development of Hollywood as a town that:

- a) is safe and welcoming for everyone
- b) has a strong and thriving community

- c) has a vibrant cultural scene and pride in its heritage
- d) has a prosperous local economy
- e) is inclusive and celebrates our community's increasing diversity
- e) promotes sustainable practices that enhance health and wellbeing of individuals living and working in the Hollywood area and the environment

Our **Methods** include:

1. Facilitating and participating in initiatives that build relationships with other relevant groups
2. Undertaking projects in our own name and also in partnership with other groups that share our vision and objectives
3. Acting as an 'umbrella' organisation for groups that would otherwise be unable to operate

as described in more detail below

There were a number of changes to the trustees during the year including the resignations of Fiona Anderson, Gordon Crozier and John Woods and the appointment of Kim Addis. In March 2023 we updated our Articles of Association to allow us to limit membership unless renewed.

We continue to strive for gender balance and to look for a more diverse age range and cultural background in our board members. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in driving forward our purpose, vision and objectives.

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN

The initiatives undertaken and/or supported by Hollywood Shared Town during the year to 31 March 2023 fall into two main categories:

1. activities
2. projects

• *Activity membership.* Hollywood Shared Town's 'activity' members are groups that come together to undertake a specific activity or purpose under the umbrella of, and supported by, Hollywood Shared Town (that would otherwise be too onerous for these groups to organise and/or to seek registration as separate legal entities). In 2022-3 **Hollywood Men's Shed**, **Patchwork** (sewing group), the **Fencing Club** and **Hollywood Resettlement Group** were supported in this way.

• *Project Activity.* Hollywood Shared Town undertakes a number of projects that it believes will enhance the quality of life of everyone that lives and works in the Hollywood area and/or will develop and enhance the amenity of the town and surrounding area – particularly cultural and environmental activity.

Cultural activities. The arts and creativity are an important component of Hollywood Shared Town's work. Hollywood Shared Town's aim is to generate high quality artistic and creative works that residents (and others) can enjoy and in which they can participate. During 2022-3, we showcased local talent in combination with work by other renowned artists and we also looked for opportunities to bring artists together, often from different disciplines, to collaborate in making new work. Our **Creative Hollywood Festival** formed the backbone of our cultural calendar.

Environmental activities. As well as a range of initiatives to encourage the conservation, appreciation and use of Redburn County Park through Holywood Men's Shed (operating from the old stable yard at Redburn), Holywood Shared Town continued to work on initiatives for the adjoining Dunville Garden, the nearby Fiddle Field and the use of green spaces such as Ballymenoch Park. We also delivered a series of Holywood walk guides, facilitated the walking for health group and various other environmental tasks including Growing Food – Growing Community.

ACTIVITY MEMBER GROUPS: Facilitating Group Activity

Hollywood Men's Shed

During 2022 things continued to get back to normal gradually and we were able to lift many of the Covid restrictions which had inhibited us so much during the previous two years. We were able to reintroduce visits to and from other men's shed and entertained groups from Millisle and Carrickfergus. It was also great to get back to having a limited programme of trips and events.

A group of members enjoyed a short break to Downings in Donegal and renewed our friendship with Mevagh Men's Shed. We also appreciated a fishing trip and a visit to Strand Arts Centre organised by our local community police.

Events included an Easter Plant and Share Day for the community which we delivered in partnership with the Conservation Volunteers (TCV). The partnership with TCV has proven most beneficial with a joint Christmas wreath making workshop, plus training courses for our members on topics such as first-aid, fire marshalling, horticulture, and construction site safety.

Several members were able to up-date their certificates for the safe use of the chain saw.

With the aid of funding from the Habinteg T:buc scheme we held a summer 'Kids Shed' programme with children from inner city East Belfast in partnership with the Tower Street Community Development Association. It was fantastic to have children from the Tower Street area visit the Enchanted Garden at the men's shed and take part in a variety of outdoor nature activities, such a bird recognition, forest schools, and bug hunts. In return, a team of our members visited Tower Street to deliver a series of craft workshops, including the creative use of scrap plastic.



Some members undertaking a horticulture training course with TCV

During 2021/22 we experienced a couple of incidents of vandalism in the Enchanted Garden. This was very upsetting and disheartening to the members who put so much time and effort into making the garden an exciting and safe area for everyone, but especially young children. When our neighbours in Redburn and Loughview learned what had happened they rallied round in support and raised a substantial sum of money to pay for a CCTV system to help protect the Enchanted Garden and make it a safer place. This was followed by a very generous cheque from Redburn Youth Group to help repair the damage and restore the garden. After consultation with parents of children who use the garden, we installed the CCTV. It was really encouraging for the shed members and they were overwhelmed by the community's support for their work.



Presentation of a generous cheque from Redburn Youth Group to Hollywood Men's Shed

During 2022 we learned from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) that it intended to repair the damage to the south wall of the Stable Yard. This turned out to be a substantial piece of work. At first, we thought that we may need to vacate the yard for health and safety reasons while the reconstruction work was being undertaken. However, after detailed planning discussions with NIEA and the contractors, we were able to come up with a plan which allowed us to stay in the yard. It entailed a big clear out of many surplus materials and a reconfiguring of some of our sheds. Members embraced this challenge and an enormous 'spring clean' took place which will stand us in good stead for the future. Our thanks must go to the NIEA and the

contractors who worked with us in managing what could have been a very disruptive undertaking.



Members showing their expertise in moving a shed in preparation for wall repair

In October 22 we elected officers for the year head. Glen Livingstone, after undertaking the role of chairperson during the challenging Covid period, indicated that he wished to stand down as chairperson but was willing to undertake the role as deputy chairperson and retain the management of the Enchanted Garden. We would like to thank Glen for all the hard work and responsibility he undertook chairing the Shed. We welcomed Sam Budde as our new chairperson after several years as deputy.

It is with great sadness we have to record the death of two of our founder members: Andy Moore and Monty Budde who died within a week of each other in September 22. Both made outstanding contributions to the life of the shed and will be greatly missed.

Hollywood Resettlement Group

Hollywood Resettlement Group, a group of 15 Hollywood residents, was formed in October 2021 in response to the Afghan refugee crisis. The group aimed to work through the Home Office's 'Community Sponsorship' scheme, where community groups can organise to welcome a refugee family to their community. The scheme operates across the UK, but we were only the second group in Northern Ireland to do this. The refugee family is identified by the Home Office and UNHCR, having been given the right to remain in UK and to work and receive benefits. The scheme involves fundraising, finding a house to rent for 2 years, providing interpreters, and helping with resettlement including with English language, schools, employment, and transport. Training and support for community sponsorship groups is given by the charity RESET, and we availed of this throughout 2022-23.

During the spring and summer of 2022, the group raised the funds required under the scheme (a minimum of £9,000) through a variety of fundraising activities, the main one being a sponsored "*Hollywood to Kabul*" walk, where group members collectively walked the equivalent of the distance from Hollywood to Kabul. Community members both within and outside Hollywood have been extremely generous in their donations.



“Holywood to Kabul” sponsored walk

We also were fortunate to find a benevolent landlord, who was willing to rent out a 3 bedroom house at housing allowance rates to the refugee family for the minimum of 2 years.

Having met the requirements, the final application, with Holywood Shared Town as “lead sponsor”, supported by the NI Executive Office, was approved by the Home Office in September 2022 and the contract signed in October 2022. In February 2023, we were delighted to be referred a family of five, an Afghan family residing in Iran, and told that the likely arrival date would be May/June.

The idea of Community Sponsorship also encompasses more general awareness raising in the community. In this regard, we were delighted to instigate ‘Small World Workshops’ in two of the local primary schools for P7 children, where children met with asylum seekers and refugees and heard their stories. In total 89 young people attended these workshops and a selection of the many comments included:

‘extremely interesting and touching stories and cultures. It really made me respect people from all around the world especially those who have been attacked, harassed or vandalised’

‘the things that people go through daily is hard to think about and we are so lucky’

‘empathy for asylum seekers. Horror at injustice in the world’

‘I learned not to take things for granted and to accept everyone’

Financial support was given by Habinteg and Ards and North Down Borough Council. The workshops were provided by the Belfast Friendship Club.

In March 2023, we collaborated with the Creative Holywood Festival and Beyond Skin, a charity which works with refugee musicians, to put on a concert in Holywood which was very well attended.

Our affiliation with Hollywood Shared Town is important, and we have worked together with them on activities with the Youth Forum, the Creative Hollywood arts activity, and their Green Spaces initiative.

Fencing Club

Redburn Fencing Club continued to run during the school holidays and term time when the local school hall was not available throughout the year. The extra practice by the fencers culminated with four Redburn fencers selected to represent Northern Ireland in the 2022 Commonwealth Fencing Championships held at the University of East London in August. All four took part in individual and team events at the U17 and U20 levels, competing against fencers from 29 other nations of the Commonwealth.

The fencing club has been growing in popularity, this has been reflected in the increase in numbers attending.



Fencing Club member Victoria Morris in action

Patchwork

Redburn Patchwork class continued to meet throughout the year every Thursday between September and May. There are currently seven fulltime members who enjoyed undertaking a variety of sewing projects under guidance.

Hollywood Shared Town's on-going facilitation of these classes is hugely important in combatting isolation and loneliness felt by more elderly members of our community. When asked what they gain from the weekly classes, participants responded:

"friendship" and "a place to socialise and be creative".

Class members come together to share ideas and learn new skills. For two hours a week they can forget their problems and spend time together doing something they love.

PROJECT ACTIVITY: Enhancing Hollywood

Creative Hollywood: a programme of creative and cultural activity

Creative Hollywood Festival

This year's festival took place across March 2023, with over forty top class artists performing in nine events spanning jazz, contemporary dance, talks, choral singing and visual arts. It was wonderful to see sell-out audiences for virtually all the events, it gives us great reassurance that there is a real appetite and enthusiasm for the arts and creative activity in Hollywood.

A new addition to this year's programme was the appointing of an Artist-in-Residence. Local artist and musician Ed Reynolds was our inaugural artist and his presence, along with his easel and brushes became a familiar sight in our cafes, shops and street pavements, throughout the festival. The exhibition of the work that he produced was an enormous success and was visited by over 200 people during its run in the Hollywood Library. We hope to repeat a similar appointment for the 2024 festival.



World music concert with Beyond Skin



Artist-in-Residence, Ed Reynolds



Exhibition launch, Hollywood Library

L-R Judith McNamee (Habinteg), Ed Reynolds (Artist), Cllr Karen Douglas (Lord Mayor, Ards and North Down), Gavin O'Connor (Arts Council of NI), Tim Kerr (Festival Director)

Heritage and Environmental Activities: helping the community to:

- preserve, restore and enjoy Hollywood's historic and natural heritage
- engage in local physical conservation and environmental initiatives

During the year Hollywood Shared Town continued to work on a number of projects under our 'Green Spaces' initiative which aims to engage the community in physical conservation and environmental programmes as well as helping to develop, care for, and increase people's use and enjoyment of Hollywood's historic and natural heritage.

Dunville Community Garden

Dunville Community Garden is part of the old Dunville Family Kitchen Garden, formerly part of the Dunville estate at Redburn House that had lain largely unattended since the 1940s. It currently extends to circa 1 acre. In 2021, Hollywood Shared Town obtained a licence from the NIEA to develop it as a community garden for the benefit of all.

The partial restoration of the historic Dunville Garden has been one of the main focuses in year 1. Due to planning permission needed for Fiddle Field (see below), we have been using the Dunville Community Garden as our main green space to engage the community in physical conservation and environmental programmes. Funding for landscaping and materials came from a generous grant from Living Spaces and Places (The National Lottery Community Fund). This made a huge difference in allowing us to take this restoration project forward. We were also helped by a grant from Social Farms and Gardens which allowed us to follow the plan prepared by Sacha Workman and establish a large herbaceous border which will be a magnificent centrepiece for the garden.



Danske Bank volunteer work party, August 22

We now have a twice weekly, well attended, Green Gym programme; the Green Gym is a scheme which inspires people to improve both physical, mental health and the environment at the same time, giving people the opportunity to tackle physical jobs in the outdoors – improving strength and stamina, boosting practical skills and confidence and benefitting local green spaces. Sessions are run by TCV staff members and a Volunteer Officer who has been trained in first aid and site supervision.

The green gym programme has been a tool to engage those in the community who are interested in the environment, physical health, mental health, helping others in the community and learning. As a well-known programme it has been a means to advertise and create awareness of the work happening at the Dunville Community Garden.

Since starting the green gyms in August/September 22 they have gone from strength to strength. We have laid paths, cleared many invasive species, improved plant diversity, found many historical items and created a space for the community to spend time, integrate and learn. In these volunteer sessions we have undertaken restoration work and made the site a safe open space, where we are now planting and producing food for the coming season, this will lead into the next phase with more community involvement.



Dunville garden October 22

When we started, the garden was an unloved space, where dangerous iron works were hidden in the undergrowth, and much of it inaccessible. This has become a community-led initiative,

bringing the old garden to life while giving volunteers the opportunity to generate new skills, contribute to community cohesion and create a legacy for this heritage site.

The garden is used to host many of our family-friendly events and we are planning several more for groups, schools, and all in the community.

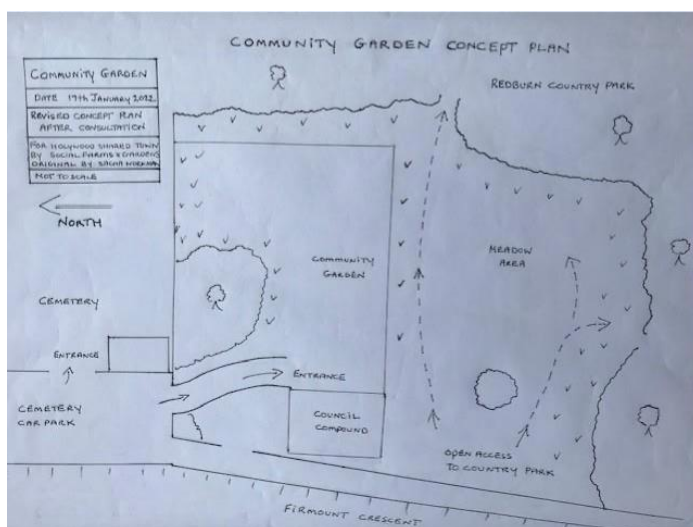


Plant and sow day March 23

We are always open to volunteers, regardless of ability and time that can be spared, it is a case of every little helps. We will supply training and equipment. We are keen that the local community takes ownership of the garden and has a real say in its development and maintenance.

Fiddle Field, Redburn

The development of a community growing space in Holywood has been a long time in its gestation. However, this year has seen significant progress. Having completed the public consultation process in collaboration with Social Farms and Gardens, we are in the final throes of our licencing and planning approvals with our partners, Ards and North Down Borough Council and the NI Environment Agency. We are optimistic that we will commence the ground preparation and growing in the coming year.



Preliminary site map of community garden at Fiddle Field



Aerial view of the site

A Community Orchard in Holywood

Over this year we have been working with Ards and North Down Borough Council and others to establish a site for a community orchard. With land usage at a premium, this has been a tough exercise. However, we are pleased to report that we have agreed on a location for an orchard at Kerr Park, and the planting of around fifty fruit trees will take place in the winter months next year.

The support given through the National Lottery's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award has been of immense significance and enabled, amongst much else, our partnership with The Conservation Volunteers, without whom our huge strides forward this year would not have been remotely possible.

OTHER ACTIONS:

Walking for health Group

During 2021 Holywood Shared Town set up a Walking for Health Group which is inclusive and open to all. With support from the Health Development Department of the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust we have continued to run a group which meets at the Maypole Bar corner in High Street in Holywood at 11am each Wednesday morning. The walk uses varied routes and lasts for about an hour. After that, group members have the option of going for a cup of coffee together. During the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 there were 50 walks with a total of 270 participants. Numbers have gone down to a core of about six walkers each week after the Covid restrictions were eased but it remains a great opportunity to improve your health combined with social benefits. People of all backgrounds and abilities are welcome to join us.



A winter walk along the North Down coastal path

Children and Young People

Hollywood Shared Town facilitates a network of agencies and groups who work locally with children and young people to help assess needs and develop opportunities and services in a strategic, joined-up way. The Network met three times by Zoom during 2021/22. It includes representatives from schools, youth organisations, churches, Street Pastors and PSNI. The Network is open to all who work with or have a policy interest in children. Meetings enable representatives to report what they have been doing and are planning to do.

A highlight was our October 2022 meeting when Stephanie Mitchell gave a presentation on Small Worlds workshops and the related Belfast Friendship Club from which Small World had emerged. The Friendship Club had been set up in 2009 to welcome newcomers to Belfast. It met on a weekly basis in the neutral venue of Common Ground Café in the University area. It had demonstrated the power of providing a safe and inclusive space. From the Friendship Club the idea of an outreach or roadshow had emerged. This was the Small World workshops which have now run extensively. Workshops are for adults, youth and primary age children (P5 upwards). Feedback from participants has been excellent. Each workshop is run by members of the Friendship Club and content can be adapted to circumstances. As a result of the presentation a series of workshops were run for P7 classes in the various Hollywood Primary Schools funded generously by the Habinteg T:buc scheme.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND BENEFIT DELIVERED

The activity reports demonstrate not only **what** HST did during the year but also **why**. Our main achievement throughout the year has been to continue to develop and enhance our contribution to Hollywood, and the surrounding area, in accordance with our purpose and vision.

This table shows how our key activities contributed to Hollywood Shared Town’s objectives and therefore how they helped us to continue to deliver public benefit in line with our objects.

<i>HST’s objectives</i>	<i>The year’s activities – and their contributions</i>
A safe and welcoming place for people to live, learn, work,	Hollywood Shared Town’s various activities have delivered a variety of community benefits. For instance, the Men’s Shed

socialise, raise children and do business	outreach work has continued to build community links, Patchwork has continued to provide social interaction and interest for people who might otherwise feel isolated and the Resettlement Group is preparing a Hollywood welcome for a refugee family.
A place that is inclusive and celebrates our community's increasing diversity	Creative Hollywood ran a series of events to promote inclusivity and understanding. The Resettlement Group instigated 'Small World Workshops' in two of the local primary schools for P7 children. Our 'Green Spaces' initiative welcomes everyone in our community and gives refugees and asylum seekers an opportunity to engage with nature and interact with each other and the community
A place with a vibrant cultural scene and pride in its heritage	Hollywood Shared Town continues to programme a calendar of arts events and activities. The Creative Hollywood Festival in March brings a range of events that this year drew full houses. The work on the local parks and the Dunville Community Garden, alongside the walking group, has continued to highlight and to stimulate the maintenance and enjoyment of Hollywood's green spaces.
A place that promotes sustainable practices that enhance both individual health and wellbeing and the environment	Projects such as those of the Men's Shed, operating from the old stable yard at Redburn, the on-going work on the Dunville Garden, the Fiddle Field and the Community Orchard developments, the Green Gyms ,Hollywood walks and others have all helped to promote sustainable practices.

ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES POLICY

Hollywood Shared Town's accounts for the year are attached which show the charity's financial position. They indicate that, at the end of the year, the charity had funds of £36,714. Of this £15,775.62 was reserved for specific activities, having been raised for those purposes, which left unallocated reserves of £20,938.19. HST's policy is to ensure that it has enough reserves to cover contingencies such as having to wind up or dissolve the company. However, as it has no outstanding liabilities and no staff with redundancy commitments, its obligations in such an eventuality would be minimal.

GOVERNANCE AND FUTURE PLANS

Hollywood Shared Town's Board of Directors confirms that in its governance of the company it has had due regard to the Commission's guidance and its public benefit requirement.

The Board also confirms that Hollywood Shared Town's future plans are to continue, as far as possible and as deemed appropriate, to deliver its service to Hollywood and district and in particular to further its current projects and support its activity member groups.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE EXAMINER

We, the directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of the Financial Statements as set out below and confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant accounting information of which the company's auditors/examiners are unaware; and

- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as directors in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant accounting information and to establish that the company's examiners are aware of that information.

In approving the Trustees' Annual Report, we also approve the strategic indications included therein, in our capacity as company directors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Directors would like to thank all those who helped them in all their various endeavours. The activities reported above could not have been done without their assistance.

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Date: 17 January 2024

Nicola Murphy
Co-Chair of Hollywood Shared Town Board of Directors

Hollywood Shared Town
Company Limited by Guarantee

Accounts 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Company Number NI 617275

Charity Reference Numbers **CCNI:** NIC 101962
 HMRC: NI 00159

Board of Directors - during the year the directors were:

Kim Addis – appointed 10 February 2023
Fiona Anderson – resigned 20 September 2022
Simon Bridge
Gordon Crozier – resigned 14 March 2023
Helen Dolk
Tim Kerr
Bill Lockhart
Lauren Kendall
Robin Masefield
Nicola Murphy
John Woods – resigned 14 March 2023

Cash Flow

1 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Brought forward: (from 2021-2022)		£10,638.17
Income: Grants due for previous year's activity		£1,240.00
Invoices due at start of year		0
Grants paid for current year's activity	(1)	£50,180.80
Donations and gift aid repayment	(2)	£23,490.17
Other income (including activity membership)	(3) & (4)	<u>£1,042.00</u>
		£75,952.97
Expenditure: On activities and projects	(5) & (6)	£65,239.01
On administration	(7)	<u>£1,359.63</u>
		£66,598.64
Change in cash on hand and in bank:		£9,354.33
Carried forward: (to 2023-2024)		£19,992.50

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities 1 Apr 22 to 31 Mar 23

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds 2021-22</i>
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Grants	(1)		£54,674.77	£54,674.77	£11,349.60
Donations (inc gift aid)	(2)	£23,490.17		£23,490.17	£12,632.17
Activity membership	(3)	£1,042.00		£1,042.00	£1,220.00
Total Income		£24,532.17	£54,674.77	£79,206.94	£25,201.77
<u>Resources expended (net)</u>					
On charitable activities:					
Grant repaid				0	£137.00
Activities	(5)	£14,815.83	£650.00	£15,465.83	£10,194.98
Projects	(6)	£2,081.39	£37,189.15	£39,270.54	£8,739.03
Administration	(7)	£149.63	£1,210.00	£1,359.63	£1,184.17
Total Expenditure		£17,046.85	£39,049.15	56,096.00	£20,255.18
Net movement in funds		£7,485.32	£15,625.62	£23,110.94	£4,946.59
Total funds brought forward		£13,452.87	£150.00	£13,602.87	£8,656.28
Total funds carried forward		£20,938.19	£15,775.62	£36,713.81	£13,602.87

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	<i>Note</i>	<i>at 31 Mar 23</i>	<i>at 1 Apr 22</i>
Fixed assets	(8)	£12,227.34	£1,724.70
Current Assets			
Cash on hand (Men's Shed petty cash)		£160.61	£201.42
Cash in Bank		£19,831.89	£10,436.75
Debtors	(9)	<u>£4,493.97</u>	<u>£1,240.00</u>
		£24,486.47	£11,878.17
Creditors/Liabilities	(10)	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Net Assets		£36,713.81	£13,602.87
Funds			
At start of year		£13,602.87	£8,656.28
Net increase/(decrease)		<u>£23,110.94</u>	<u>£4,946.59</u>
Funds at end of year	(11)	£36,713.81	£13,602.87

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Further:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476, and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

To the best of our knowledge these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and also comply with the 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 (FRS 102).

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7th August 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board of Holywood Shared Town by:

Chair		Nicola Murphy
Treasurer		Simon Bridge

Notes

1) Grant Income.

During the year the debts of £600.00 for the balance of the 2021-22 Community Development grant and £640.00 balance of the ANDBC 2021-22 Community Festival grant were received: £1,240.00

Also during the year the following grants were awarded and claimed:

ANDBC Community Development grant	£1,600.00
ANDBC Good Relations grant (80% payment)	£800.00
ACNI grant	£4,256.00
ACNI Lottery grant for artist in residence – part payment	£2,746.80
Lottery Jubilee grant - interim payments	£25,578.00
Lottery Community Fund grant	£10,000.00
Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful grants	£4,700.00
Belfast City Airport	£200.00
Social Farms and Gardens microgrant for Dunville Garden	<u>£300.00</u>
	£50,180.80

At the end of the year to following grant balances were due:

The ANDBC Community Festival grant	£4,000.00
The balance of the ANDBC Good Relations grant	£200.00
The balance of the ACNI Lottery grant	<u>£293.97</u>
	£4,493.97

2) Donations and Contributions.

During the year the following donations and contributions were received:

Men's Shed	£3,887.19
Hollywood Resettlement Group	£14,530.57
Creative Hollywood	£2,259.91
Growing Food Growing Community	£2,500.00
Gift Aid repayment	<u>£312.50</u>
Total	£23,490.17

3) Activity Membership(s).

Patchwork	£500.00
Men's Shed	£470.00
Fencing	<u>£72.00</u>
Total	£1,042.00

4) Other Income. There was no other income this year.

5) Activities.

Hollywood Shared Town has a class of Activity Member so that it can assist particular groups who would struggle to incorporate and/or seek charity registration as separate entities. Currently the Patchwork, the Hollywood Men's Shed, the Fencing class and the

Hollywood Resettlement Group are such activity membership groups and are accounted for as separate cost centres. Their income is recorded in the notes above and their costs are indicated in the following notes:

Patchwork – Patchwork had room hire and tutoring costs of £910 and the room hire cost of £390 was paid from the Community Development grant.

Men's Shed – During the year the Men's Shed incurred depreciation costs of £344.94 and spent £8,639.66 for the following (including £200 from restricted funding):

Power, heat and light	£870.23
Insurance	£568.40
Catering	£489.81
Project costs	£2,729.10
Equipment bought	£299.99
Other (including tools and materials)	£3,682.13

Fencing – The fencing group incurred costs of £102 for coaching and room hire towards which the participants contributed £72.00

Resettlement – The Hollywood Resettlement Group raised £15,643.07 during the year and had costs of £5,769.22 (including £60 from restricted funding).

6) Projects.

During the year Hollywood Shared Town carried out the following projects:

Creative Hollywood. Creative Hollywood was awarded a Community Festival grant of £4,000 from ANDBC for its programme of activities and also received an Arts Council NI grant of £4,256.00 and an ACNI Lottery grant of up to £3,052. Its costs during the year were £12,917.99 but it acquired equipment worth £5,009.59.

Green Projects. Hollywood Shared town has engaged in a number of 'green' projects of which these were the ones with significant activity during the year:

Dunville Garden – Work continued on the restoration of the Dunville garden at Redburn. A further £10,300.00 in grants was received for this and £9,804.95 was expended during the year including £1,473.00 for fittings and equipment.

Fiddle Field – During the year, liaison continued with NIEA and ANDBC about the site and its preparation for a community growing space. Grants of £30,278.00 were received towards this and the costs in the year totalled £26,733.94 including £4,065.00 for a polytunnel.

Growing Food Growing Community – Hollywood Shared Town has assisted Hollywood Transition Town with its GFGC project, for instance by running three community events – towards which it received £2,500 and by the end of the year had spent £361.25.

Hollywood Fund. During the year there was no further activity for the Hollywood Fund – leaving £305 still available.

7) Administration.

Apart from its identified activities and projects, Hollywood Shared Town incurred the following administrative costs – most of which were covered by the ANDBC Community Development Grant.

Accounts checks	£54.00
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Insurance	£860.00
Other expenses	<u>£445.63</u>
Total	£1,359.63

8) Tangible Fixed Assets. During the year:

The Men's Shed purchased a hand truck and a polytunnel for a total of £299.99.

A variety of fittings, tools and equipment were acquired for the Dunville Garden at a cost of £1,473.00.

A polytunnel costing £4,056.00 was bought for Fiddle Field.

Creative Hollywood bought a sound system and camera for a total of £5,009.59.

After depreciation the net value at the end of the year was £12,227.34:

	<i>Men's Shed</i>	<i>Dunville Garden</i>	<i>Fiddle Field</i>	<i>Creative</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost:					
at 1 Apr 22	£1,724.70	0	0	0	£1,724.70
additions	£299.99	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	£5,009.59	£10,847.58
at 31 Mar 23	£2,024.69	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	£5,009.59	£12,572.28
Depreciation	£344.94	0	0	0	£344.94
Net book value	£1,679.75	£1,473.00	£4,065.00	£5,009.59	£12,227.34

9) Debtors.

At the end of the year the following balances of grant payments were due:

The ANDBC Community Festival grant	£4,000.00
The remaining portion of the ANDBC Community Relations grant	£200.00
The remaining portion of the ACNI grant	<u>£293.97</u>
Total	£4,493.97

10) Liabilities.

At the end of the year Holywood Shared Town had paid all its debts and had no outstanding creditors/liabilities.

11) Allocation of Funds.

At the end of the year Holywood Shared Town's funds included some amounts it has allocated as designated for specific activities or projects:

For the Men's Shed (including petty cash of £160.61 and machines of £1679.75)	£3,209.67
For Patchwork	£320.94
For the Holywood Resettlement Group	£11,531.06
For Fencing	£20.50
For Creative Hollywood (including equipment of £5,009.59)	£7,205.55
For Green Spaces	£141.76
For the Dunville Garden (including a polytunnel of £1,473.00)	£1,969.04
For Fiddle Field (including tools and equipment of £4,065.00)	£7,609.06
For Growing Food Growing Community	£2138.75

For the Holywood Fund	<u>£305.00</u>
	£34,451.33
Unallocated – and therefore in reserve	<u>£2,262.48</u>
Total	£36,713.81

12) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses.

Five trustees received expenses totalling £1,978.37 between then for credit card or cash purchases they made on behalf of the charity in circumstances where payment by cheque or on-line bank transfer was not practical.

13) Reserves.

HST's policy is to ensure that it has enough reserves to cover contingencies such as having to close the company. However, as it has no outstanding liabilities and no staff with redundancy commitments, its obligations in such an eventuality would be minimal. Therefore the main concern is being able to undertake projects where some of the funding is only paid in arrears – and this is monitored on a continuing basis.

14) Independent Accounts Examination.

As indicated above in Note 7 the fees paid for the independent examination of the accounts were £54.00.



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Company Number: NI050662

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Hollywood Shared Town.

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **31 March 2023**, as attached.

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 (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 62 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 NI 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 of the accounts of the **Hollywood Shared Town** 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 NI, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Maeve Killingbeck

Maeve Killingbeck – Independent Examiner
For and on behalf of North Down Community Network
6th August 2023

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