

Orchard Social Club for Visually Impaired People

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102038

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-12-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Orchard Social Club promotes the welfare of all visually impaired people in the Armagh and District Council area by offering them the opportunity to meet each other and to engage in a range of social, recreational and sporting activities together.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Disability

Who the charity helps: Sensory disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-15	£13,220	£9,585	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Curran		
Dougie Somerville		
Miss Mary Hamilton		
Sheila Curry		

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Trustees, officers and advisers

Trustees

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Dougie Somerville
Mary Hamilton

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Independent examiners

Wylie Ruddell
Chartered Accountants
Unit 63
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Orchard Social Club for Visually Impaired People

Report of the trustees for the year ended 15 August 2025

The Trustees present their report for the year ended 15 August 2025.

The Trustees

The names of all charity trustees on the date the report was approved and all individuals who served in such capacity during the year is as follows:

Sheila Curry
Ann Curran
Dougie Somerville
Mary Hamilton

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NIC102038

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Purpose and Activities

The purpose of the charity is to provide a social outlet for people with a visual impairment many of whom do not attend other Groups.

The aim of the club is to provide a social venue for members, many of whom because of their visual impairment, feel isolated in the community. Twice monthly meetings (with various speakers and demonstrators) seek to stimulate their minds and outings are arranged throughout the year to inspire their confidence and encourage networking.

The Club has been in existence now for some 34 years and membership varies but currently stands at about 30. Members are conveyed by bus when monthly meeting take place but, when outings are held, each member can bring along a carer to assist. This has the effect of building strong relationships and certainly helps members to reach their potential and to improve spaces and places, especially given the nature of the members' particular impairment. The club is organised and run by 3 volunteers, a Chairperson, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.

Statement of Compliance

In deciding upon and planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve our Charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 15 August 2025 (continued)

Financial Review

Our main source of funds is lottery grant income. In 2025 unrestricted grant income amounted to £10,000 (2024: £6,700) and unrestricted funds at 15 August 2025 totalled £12,356 (2024: £8,721)

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees



Mr D Somerville – Trustee

Date: 28 October 2025

Orchard Social Club for Visually Impaired People

Independent examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of Orchard Social Club for Visually Impaired People

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees

I report on the accounts of Orchard Social Club for Visually Impaired People for the year ended 15 August 2024, which are appended.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility as Independent Examiner to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
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For and on behalf of Wylie Ruddell
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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 15 August 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Receipts						
Lottery	10,000	-	10,000	6,700	-	6,700
Grants Macan	3,000	-	3,000	2,500	-	2,500
Membership subscriptions	220	-	220	180	-	180
Total receipts	13,220	-	13,220	9,380	-	9,380
Payments						
Insurance	310	-	310	310	-	310
Armagh Rural Transport	2,791	-	2,791	49	-	49
Rent	250	-	250	263	-	263
Transport	894	-	894	1,508	-	1,508
Speakers	55	-	55	125	-	125
Day at seaside	1,161	-	1,161	352	-	352
Theatre	928	-	928	272	-	272
Mystery tour	1,256	-	1,256	180	-	180
Christmas dinner	774	-	774	1,038	-	1,038
Miscellaneous	163	-	163	342	-	342
Afternoon tea	324	-	324	-	-	-
Shopping spree	679	-	679	-	-	-
Total payments	9,585	-	9,585	4,439	-	4,439
Net Surplus	3,635	-	3,635	4,941	-	4,941
Net movements in funds						
Cash fund balances brought forward at 16 August 2024	8,721	-	8,721	3,780	-	3,780
Cash fund balances carried forward at 15 August 2025	12,356	-	12,356	8,721	-	8,721

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 15 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank and cash balances		
General Bank Account	12,356	8,721
Total cash at bank	12,356	8,721

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Receipts						
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Grants Macan	2,500	-	2,500	1,750	-	1,750
Membership subscriptions	180	-	180	190	-	190
Total receipts	9,380	-	9,380	1,940	-	1,940
Payments						
Insurance	310	-	310	310	-	310
Armagh Rural Transport	49	-	49	417	-	417
Rent	263	-	263	211	-	211
Transport	1,508	-	1,508	390	-	390
Speakers	125	-	125	20	-	20
Day at seaside	352	-	352	1,388	-	1,388
Theatre	272	-	272	330	-	330
Mystery tour	180	-	180	370	-	370
Christmas dinner	1,038	-	1,038	880	-	880
Miscellaneous	342	-	342	346	-	346
Afternoon tea	-	-	-	574	-	574
Total payments	4,439	-	4,439	5,236	-	5,236
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	4,941	-	4,941	(3,296)	-	(3,296)
Net movements in funds						
Cash fund balances brought forward at 16 August 2023	3,780	-	3,780	7,076	-	7,076
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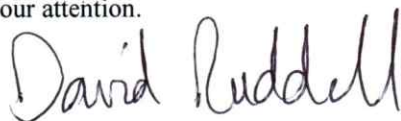
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Mr D Somerville – Trustee

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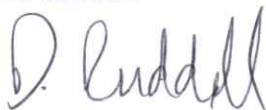
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Membership subscriptions	190	-	190	200	-	200
Total receipts	1,940	-	1,904	2,041	-	2,041
Payments						
Insurance	310	-	310	305	-	305
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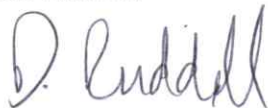
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