

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102055

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-05-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	8 Coach Horse Lane Seaforde County Down Bt30 8pp BT30 8PP
Phone	07500870666
Email	contact@seaforde.org.uk
Website	www.seaforde.org.uk

Activities

Purposes: The purpose of Seaforde and District Community Association is to improve people's quality of life in the Seaforde area, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion. Quality of life includes social wellbeing, physical and mental health, education, capacity building, community development, heritage, and the built and natural environment.

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

How the charity works: Community development,Cultural,Education/training,Environment/sustainable development/conservation,Heritage/historical,Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Mental health,Older people,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Unemployed/low income,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,286	£1,544	£0	0
2024-03-31	£2,734	£2,713	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
A O'Neill		
J. Frost		
L. Frost		
M King		
M Willcox		
Ms Sandra Martin		

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Accounts

Seaforde & District Community Association	
Income & Expenditure Accounts	
1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025	
<u>Bank Account</u>	£
<i>Opening Balance as at 01/04/2024</i>	2,021.01
Income	1,286.00
Less: Expenditure	1,544.10
<i>Closing Balance as at 31/03/2025</i>	1,762.91

The above accounts have been prepared according to the books and information provided by Seaforde & District Community Association and examined by County Down Rural Community Network.

Heather Holland
CDRCN

James Frost

James Frost
Treasurer

Bank & Cash Balances	
Bank Account	
	£
Opening Balance as at 01/04/2024	2,021.01
Income	1,286.00
Less: Expenditure	1,544.10
Balance @ 31/03/2025	1,762.91
Balance per Bank Statement @ 31/3/2025	1,762.91
Less: Outstanding Cheques	-
Add: Outstanding Lodgements	
Reconciled Balance	1,762.91
Difference	-
Cash	
	£
Cash Opening Balance at 01/04/2024	-
Cash Income	-
Cash Expenditure	-
Cash Balance	-

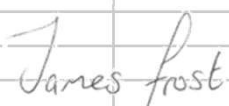
Expenditure							
Date	Cheque No	Details	Amount £	Bank £	Cash £	Reconciled	Notes
3 Apr 2024		Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
30 Apr 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55		N/A	
2 May 2024		Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
31 May 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.60	£ 2.60		N/A	
4 Jun 2024		Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
28 Jun 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55		N/A	
2 Jul 2024		Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
31 Jul 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55		N/A	
2 Aug 2024		Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
30 Aug 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55		N/A	
30 Sep 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55		N/A	
31 Oct 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		N/A	
4 Nov 2024		Insurance	£ 45.91	£ 45.91		*	
29 Nov 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		N/A	
3 Dec 2024		Insurance	£ 45.80	£ 45.80		*	
16 Dec 2024	200211	Choir Charity Donation - Action Cancer	£ 918.00	£ 918.00		See Notes	No receipt available, however presentation of the cheque to Action Cancer was witnessed by committee members
31 Dec 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55		N/A	
3 Jan 2025		Insurance	£ 45.80	£ 45.80		*	
14 Jan 2025		Christmas Tree 2024	£ 144.00	£ 144.00		*	
31 Jan 2025		Bank Fees	£ 4.34	£ 4.34		N/A	
4 Feb 2025		Insurance	£ 45.80	£ 45.80		*	
28 Feb 2025		Bank Fees	£ 2.60	£ 2.60		N/A	
4 Mar 2025		Insurance	£ 45.80	£ 45.80		*	
31 Mar 2025		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55		N/A	
			£ 1,544.10	£ 1,544.10			

Any red entries denote cheques written in the last accounting period but reconciled this period.

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Accounts

Seaforde & District Community Association	
Income & Expenditure Accounts	
1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024	
<u>Bank Account</u>	£
<i>Opening Balance as at 01/04/2023</i>	1,999.86
Income	2,734.12
Less: Expenditure	2,712.97
<i>Closing Balance as at 31/03/2024</i>	2,021.01
<p>The above accounts have been prepared according to the books and information provided by Seaforde & District Community Association and examined by County Down Rural Community Network.</p>	
<p>Heather Holland CDRCN</p>	
<p></p>	
<p>James Frost Treasurer</p>	

Bank & Cash Balances	
Bank Account	
	£
Opening Balance as at 01/04/2023	1,999.86
Income	2,734.12
Less: Expenditure	2,712.97
Balance @ 31/03/2024	2,021.01
Balance per Bank Statement @ 31/3/2024	2,021.01
Less: Outstanding Cheques	-
Add: Outstanding Lodgements	
Reconciled Balance	2,021.01
Difference	-
Cash	
	£
Cash Opening Balance at 01/04/2023	-
Cash Income	-
Cash Expenditure	-
Cash Balance	-

Income					
Date	Details	Amount £	Reconciled	Lodged £	Cash £
Balance as at 01/04/2023				£ 1,999.86	
17 Apr 2023	Choir Fees	£ 70.00		£ 70.00	
20 Apr 2023	Choir Fees	£ 60.00		£ 60.00	
15 May 2023	Choir Fees	£ 56.00		£ 56.00	
22 May 2023	Choir Fees	£ 66.00		£ 66.00	
23 May 2023	NMD Grant - Christmas Festivities Colours Workshop	£ 884.00		£ 884.00	
30 May 2023	Choir Fees	£ 50.00		£ 50.00	
8 Jul 2023	Summer Fete and Falconry Event Donations	£ 32.73		£ 32.73	
13 Jul 2023	Summer Fete and Falconry Event Donations	£ 100.00		£ 100.00	
20 Oct 2023	Summer Fete and Falconry Event Donations	£ 86.15		£ 86.15	
18 Dec 2023	NMD Grant - Summer Fete and Falconry Event	£ 1,329.24		£ 1,329.24	
	Total Income	£ 2,734.12		£ 2,734.12	

Expenditure							
Date	Cheque No	Details	Amount	Bank	Cash	Reconciled	Notes
			£	£	£		
28 Apr 2023		Bank Fees	£ 3.00	£ 3.00			
31 May 2023		Bank Fees	£ 2.69	£ 2.69			
30 Jun 2023		Bank Fees	£ 3.04	£ 3.04			
3 Jul 2023		YFC Hall Hire - Choir Meetings	£ 330.00	£ 330.00		*	
3 Jul 2023		Summer Fete and Falconry Event - Leaflet Printing	£ 40.00	£ 40.00		*	
4 Jul 2023		AGM - Advert Down Recorder	£ 37.80	£ 37.80		*	
7 Jul 2023		Summer Fete and Falconry Event - Marques	£ 340.00	£ 340.00		*	
31 Jul 2023		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50			
28 Aug 2023		Summer Fete and Falconry Event - School of Falconry	£ 300.00	£ 300.00		*	
28 Aug 2023		Summer Fete and Falconry Event - Bennans Ice Cream Van	£ 548.00	£ 548.00		*	
31 Aug 2023		Bank Fees	£ 2.95	£ 2.95			
29 Sep 2023		Bank Fees	£ 2.60	£ 2.60			
24 Oct 2023		Summer Fete and Falconry Event - JF Various Expenses 1	£ 12.99	£ 12.99		*	
24 Oct 2023		Summer Fete and Falconry Event - JF Various Expenses 2	£ 74.75	£ 74.75		*	
24 Oct 2023		Summer Fete and Falconry Event - CK Various Expenses	£ 88.25	£ 88.25		*	
24 Oct 2023		AGM - Gift Costs for Speaker	£ 31.50	£ 31.50		See Notes	No receipt available, however presentation of the gifts were witnessed by committee members and so the Trustee was reimbursed as a personal expense.
24 Oct 2023		YFC Hall Hire - Summer Fete and Falconry Event	£ 40.00	£ 40.00		*	
31 Oct 2023		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50			
2 Nov 2023		Committee Insurance	£ 44.22	£ 44.22		*	
30 Nov 2023		Bank Fees	£ 2.80	£ 2.80			
4 Dec 2023		Committee Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
21 Dec 2023		Choir - Expenses for Choir Mistress leaving gift	£ 60.00	£ 60.00		See Notes	No receipt available, however presentation of the gift was witnessed by committee members on the choir and so the choir member was reimbursed as a personal expense.
29 Dec 2023		Bank Fees	£ 2.55	£ 2.55			
3 Jan 2024		Committee Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
14 Jan 2024		Village Christmas Tree - Tree Purchase	£ 144.00	£ 144.00			
14 Jan 2024		Choir - Advertising Expenses	£ 58.12	£ 58.12		*	
14 Jan 2024		Village Christmas Tree - Replacement Lights	£ 60.00	£ 60.00		*	
31 Jan 2024		Bank Fees	£ 3.16	£ 3.16			
1 Feb 2024	CH 200209	Village Christmas Tree - remove and re-install new lights after fault	£ 133.00	£ 133.00		*	
1 Feb 2024	CH 200208	Village Christmas Tree - installation and removal of lights.	£ 160.00	£ 160.00		*	
2 Feb 2024		Committee Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
29 Feb 2024		Bank Fees	£ 2.70	£ 2.70			
4 Mar 2024		Committee Insurance	£ 44.12	£ 44.12		*	
28 Mar 2024		Bank Fees	£ 3.37	£ 3.37			
			£ 2,712.97	£ 2,712.97			

Any red entries denote cheques written in the last accounting period but reconciled this period.

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Accounts

<u>Bank & Cash Balances</u>	
Bank Account	
	£
Opening Balance as at 01/04/2022	2,349.32
Income	2,819.87
Less: Expenditure	3,169.33
Balance @ 31/03/2023	1,999.86
Balance per Bank Statement @ 31/3/2023	1,999.86
Less: Outstanding Cheques	-
Add: Outstanding Lodgements	
Reconciled Balance	1,999.86
Difference	-
Cash	
	£
Cash Opening Balance at 01/04/2022	-
Cash Income	-
Cash Expenditure	-
Cash Balance	-

Seaforde and District Community Association - Annual Accounts 2022-2023

Income					
Date	Details	Amount £	Reconciled	Lodged £	Cash £
Balance as at 01/04/2022				£ 2,349.32	
9 Sep 2022	Choir Fees	£ 95.00		£ 95.00	
16 Sep 2022	Choir Fees	£ 110.00		£ 110.00	
23 Sep 2022	Choir Fees	£ 270.00		£ 270.00	
5 Nov 2022	Donations from Pathway Event	£ 41.00		£ 41.00	
15 Nov 2022	Quiz Night Funds Raised	£ 881.00		£ 881.00	
7 Dec 2022	Cash from Christmas Colours Workshop	£ 125.00		£ 125.00	
28 Feb 2023	NMD Grant - Pathway Event	£ 1,037.87		£ 1,037.87	
3 Mar 2023	Choir Fees	£ 110.00		£ 110.00	
20 Mar 2023	Choir Fees	£ 75.00		£ 75.00	
27 Mar 2023	Choir Fees	£ 75.00		£ 75.00	
	Total Income	£ 2,819.87		£ 2,819.87	

Seaforde and District Community Association - Annual Accounts 2022-2023

Expenditure						
Date	Cheque No	Details	Amount £	Bank £	Cash £	Reconciled
29 Apr 2022		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		
31 May 2022		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		
30 Jun 2022		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		
29 Jul 2022		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		
31 Aug 2022		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		
9 Sep 2022	CH 200386	AGM - Advert Mournie Observer	£ 55.20	£ 55.20		*
16 Sep 2022	CH 200387	AGM - Advert Down Recorder	£ 30.00	£ 30.00		*
27 Sep 2022	CH 200389	Annual Insurance	£ 419.42	£ 419.42		*
30 Sep 2022		Bank Fees	£ 2.50	£ 2.50		
11 Oct 2022	CH 200388	Pathway Event - Food and Refreshments - Mulberry Tree	£ 300.00	£ 300.00		*
31 Oct 2022		Bank Fees	£ 3.88	£ 3.88		
8 Nov 2022	CH 200393	Pathway Event - Various Expenses	£ 386.45	£ 386.45		*
10 Nov 2022	CH 200392	Pathway Event - Children's Entertainment / Guide	£ 260.80	£ 260.80		*
30 Nov 2022		Bank Fees	£ 2.91	£ 2.91		
1 Dec 2022	CH 200391	YFC Hall Hire	£ 30.00	£ 30.00		*
22 Dec 2022	CH 200400	Christmas Event - Various Expenses 1	£ 64.40	£ 64.40		*
23 Dec 2022	CH 200399	Pub Quiz - Prizes	£ 45.71	£ 45.71		*
23 Dec 2022	CH 200204	Christmas Event - Various Expenses 2	£ 140.62	£ 140.62		*
23 Dec 2022	CH 200202	Christmas Event - Various Expenses 3	£ 14.95	£ 14.95		*
23 Dec 2022		Christmas Event - Colours Supplier Payment	£ 494.00	£ 494.00		*
29 Dec 2022	CH 200397	Pub Quiz - Flyer Printing Inky Doo	£ 75.00	£ 75.00		*
29 Dec 2022		Pathway Event - Facepainting Supplier Payment	£ 60.00	£ 60.00		*
29 Dec 2022		General Printing - Supplier Payment	£ 178.68	£ 178.68		*
30 Dec 2022		Bank Fees	£ 5.13	£ 5.13		
23 Jan 2023	CH 200206	Christmas Event - Lights Fitting Supplier	£ 160.00	£ 160.00		*
31 Jan 2023		Bank Fees	£ 3.11	£ 3.11		
31 Jan 2023	CH 200205	Christmas Event - Shortbread Supplier	£ 55.00	£ 55.00		*
31 Jan 2023		Christmas Event - Christmas Tree Supplier Payment	£ 144.00	£ 144.00		*
13 Feb 2023	CH 200396	Pathway Event - Biscuits	£ 8.59	£ 8.59		*
28 Feb 2023		Bank Fees	£ 3.32	£ 3.32		
1 Mar 2023		YFC Hall Hire	£ 40.00	£ 40.00		*
1 Mar 2023		YFC Hall Hire	£ 130.00	£ 130.00		*
1 Mar 2023		YFC Hall - Electricity Contribution	£ 40.00	£ 40.00		No - see note
31 Mar 2023		Bank Fees	£ 3.16	£ 3.16		
			£ 3,169.33	£ 3,169.33		

Any red entries denote cheques written in the last accounting period but reconciled this period.

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Annual report



TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023

Purpose

Under accounting and reporting regulations all registered charities must prepare a Trustees' Annual Report.

This Trustee Annual Report covers all activities of the Seaforde and District Community Association during the Financial Year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

The purpose of the Trustee Annual Report is to:

- Highlight the main activities undertaken by the Committee for the public benefit
- Tell people about the Committee's work, where its money has come from and how it has been spent
- Ensure the Committee is publicly accountable to its stakeholders

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023



Introduction – 2022/2023 in Review

Following the committee's first successful Post Covid event in March 2022 (an in-person well-being workshop covered in last year's report) the committee's activities continued to focused on how it could re-engage the community following the lifting of Covid19 restrictions in mid-February 2022, when the Covid19 regulations were replaced with guidelines.

Given the committee's engagement in the Seaforde Community trail project, and the popularity of this new pathway evidenced through its use, the committee sought and secured funding from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to hold a community event centred around the walkway. This enabled the committee to continue to promote the health and wellbeing of local people of all ages and backgrounds and to foster links with the wider community.

The Seaforde Woodland Walk Event was held on a sunny weekend in September 2022 and was incredibly well attended. This event enabled local people to learn about where they live through the free guided walks and to engage with each other, creating new, and reigniting existing community relationships. Children from the local primary schools were also engaged in an artwork competition and their engagement created a wonderful display of woodland scenes in the Young Farmers Club Hall in Seaforde where the community gathered for refreshments before and after the guided walks.

The Woodland Walk Event was preceded by a Local History Talk at the charity's AGM, also in September 2022, and this was really well received by the community.

In November 2022 the committee re-established its annual pub quiz which was a fun night for all community members that attended. This was also a vital fundraiser for the committee to meet its insurance costs and to fund local events.

Christmas 2022 festivities were also celebrated with a Colourful Christmas Workshop and lighting of the village Christmas Tree. This was a fully booked event with members of the community brought together in the Young Farmers Club Hall in Seaforde to paint Christmas themed pottery. The Christmas Tree switch on attracted more people from the community to attend and cheer on Santa who switched on the tree lights. This event brought young and old together from the community which delivered social wellbeing benefits as it was the first public Christmas Event possible since 2019.

Community needs were also met throughout the year with sustainability and community in mind. In January 2023 the community Christmas Tree was donated to Kinedale Donkey Sanctuary. In June 2022 and March 2023 the local community environment was looking well due to litter pick events held.

Photos of all of these events are available to view on the charity's Facebook page which can be accessed by keying this link into an internet browser address bar:

<https://www.facebook.com/SeafordeAndDistrictCommunityAssociation>

A summary of the activities of the years 2022/23 were presented at the charity's AGM in June 2023 and are highlighted in the red boxes below:

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023

2022 / 2023 highlights

July 2022 to Mid-June 2023




Activity delivered from July 2022 to mid-June 2023

- The **Local History Talk** delivered by Mathew Forde at the **AGM** in September 2022 was incredibly well received by our community
- **Seaforde Woodland Walk event** was held on a sunny weekend in September. This was a popular event, funded by Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and it enabled local people to learn about where we live through free guided walks
- General knowledge was tested and fun was had at the annual **Pub Quiz** held in early November
- Christmas festivities were kicked off in late November with a **Colourful Christmas workshop** & lighting of the village **Christmas Tree**. This was made possible through funding from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- **Sustainability** aims supported in Jan 2023 by **donating Seaforde Christmas Tree to Kinedale Donkey Sanctuary** in [Ballynahinch](#)
- Keeping Seaforde looking well with a **Litter Pick event** in March
- A six-week Programme of **Yoga classes** was held in the Old School in Clough in April and May 2023. The was delivered by Yoga Teacher Janet McGregor and funded by MMYM charity

2023 projects, plans and Events

- Engaged with council representatives and Dept of Infrastructure **seeking support for a new footpath** on the A24 from Seaforde village to connect to the footpath beyond the entrance for the Butterfly House
- **Maintenance checks of Defibrillator** at YFC Hall, Seaforde
- Replacement **Paediatric pads for the Defibrillator** at YFC Hall, Seaforde - kindly sponsored by Seaforde Gardens
- **Secured Funding** from Newry, Mourne & Down (NM&D) District Council **for a Summer Fete** being held in July / Aug / Sept
- A **Pub Quiz** will be held later in the year
- Funding secured from NM&D District council for a **Christmas event**

Our Digital Presence Continues to Grow!

-  **841** Facebook Page followers, up 17% since Sep 2022
-  **25** Twitter Followers
-  **5360** People reached with last three Facebook posts

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023



Public Benefit Statement

Throughout the year the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement whereby:

- the purposes of the Group are demonstrated through the activities undertaken and are beneficial to all residents within the Seaforde and District area
- the benefits delivered by the Group are for the wider community in general and are never focused on providing private benefit to any one individual or group

Direct benefits flowed from the purpose of the Seaforde and District Community Association through the numerous events planned and delivered by the committee throughout the financial year of 2022/23.

These benefits included giving local people an opportunity to get together with others and an opportunity to reconnect or establish new relationships by attending free local events such as the local History Talk and the Seaforde Pathway Event. The committee has supported people to learn about their surroundings and the places where they can take exercise locally and enjoy the views and flora and fauna within the Woodland walk. These events enabled people to engage with each other, discuss common interests and to do this in a friendly environment with refreshments and seating available. They also help others to look after their physical and mental wellbeing by identifying places to engage with nature and with others who use the pathway.

These benefits are also demonstrated through feedback from beneficiaries and by the level of engagement on the updates reported on Facebook by the committee and through attendance at the local history talk and the Pathway event.

The committee has sought to enhance the quality of life for all residents and the Christmas Event that it held in December 2022 enabled family groups to come together so that young and old could enjoy some festive fun. The aim of the committee was to provide this free of charge, to a wider range of people, so that folks could enjoy an event without worrying about cost, especially given the increased cost of living being experienced in 2022. To do this the committee secured funding from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and this grant enabled a Colourful Christmas Workshop and the village Christmas Tree to be purchased, installed and lit over Christmas time. The Christmas tree provided festive cheer to all in, and passing through, Seaforde.

The committee continues to maintain the community defibrillator so that it is available in an emergency for local people 24/7, all year round.

The purposes of the charity will not lead to any harm. The charity's beneficiaries are people living in the Seaforde area. From time to time a private benefit to trustees may arise from the programme of ongoing support to community and voluntary groups. Through this support, trustees may gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023



About Seaforde and District Community Association

1. The Charity is known as: “Seaforde and District Community Association“
2. The Charity is registered with the NI Charity Commission, registration number: NI102055
3. The Charity has a Constitution which is the main governing document that sets out how the charity operates – this is available to all members of the public and can be requested by sending an email to contact@seaforde.org.uk
4. The Charity’s Mission Statement is as follows:

“The purpose of Seaforde and District Community Association is to improve people’s quality of life in the Seaforde area, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion.

Quality of life includes social wellbeing, physical and mental health, education, capacity building, community development, heritage and the built and natural environment.”

5. The Charity’s Trustees as at 31st March 2023 where:
 - i. Clodagh Killen – Chairperson
 - ii. James Frost – Treasurer
 - iii. Leon Frost – Secretary
 - iv. John Knipe – Vice Chairperson (resigned June 2023)
 - v. Alice Forde - Committee Member (resigned June 2023)
 - vi. Julie Micklethwaite - Committee Member
 - vii. Sandra Martin - Committee Member
 - viii. Edyta Wright – Committee Member
 - ix. Paul Wright – Committee Member
 - x. Aine O’Neill – Committee Member (joined June 2022)
 - xi. Dana Ashwood – Committee Member (joined June 2022)
 - xii. Tony Meredith – Committee Member (joined June 2022)
 - xiii. David Riddell – Committee Member (joined December 2022, resigned May 2023)
6. No Other Charity Trustees served during the 2022/2023 financial year.
7. The Charity’s address for written correspondence is:

SADCA
c/o Clodagh Killen,
233A Newcastle Road,
Seaforde,
Downpatrick
County Down
BT30 8SQ

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023



Activities during the 2022/2023 Financial Year

The Charity's Financial Year ran from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. During this period the Committee organised numerous activities and events. The activities and events organised included:

- June 2022 - **Litter pick event** in Seaforde Village and the surrounding area
- Sept 2022 – **Local History Talk** delivered at its AGM. This was incredibly well received
- Sept 2022 – **Seaforde Woodland Walk Event**. A free event which was hugely popular
- Nov 2022 – **Pub Quiz**. Fun was had and knowledge tested at this important fundraiser event
- Nov 2022 – **Colourful Christmas Workshop and Christmas Tree Lights Switch On** event
- Jan 2023 - sustainability aims supported by **donating Seaforde Christmas tree to Kindale Donkey Sanctuary** in Ballynahinch
- March 2023 – **Litter Pick Event** held as we headed into Spring

During the year the Committee progressed or completed a number of projects including:

- **Funding applications** submitted to Newry, Mourne & Down District Council to enable the Colourful Christmas Event for 2022 (completed and successful)
- Engaged with council representatives and Dept of Infrastructure **seeking support for a new footpath on the A24** from Seaforde village to connect to the footpath beyond the Entrance to the Butterfly House. This would enable Seaforde to connect with Loughinisland and beyond. (ongoing)
- **Planning for a free six-week Yoga Programme** to be delivered in April and May 2023 (completed, fully booked and very successful)

Further to these events and projects the Committee continued to promote and take an active role in supporting others:

- Q1 2023 – **Funding application** submitted to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to enable a Summer Fete in summer 2023. (completed and funding application successful)
- Ongoing - **Maintenance of a community defibrillator** at the Young Farmer's Hall (the NI Ambulance Service has called for the defibrillator on at least one occasion in this financial year)

The Charity's Management Committee had regular meetings, usually monthly, throughout this financial year to perform its role in coordination of all of the above.

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023



Financial Statement

The Charity's financial position for the 2022/2023 Financial Year continued to be good, with good cash flow maintained from the previous year meaning the committee did not need to take up advanced funding.

Income was received from the following sources:

The Pub Quiz was the charity's annual fundraiser providing an income of £660 after expenses.

The Pathway Event was largely funded by a generous grant of £1038 from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

The choir restarted within the financial year, adding £735 to the account balance.

Fundraising raffle at the Christmas 2022 Event was £125.

Expenditure for the financial year included:

The Christmas 2022 Event was funded in year by the committee bank account cashflow however £884 of those expenses were reimbursed by another generous grant from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council just after the end of the financial year.

The Insurance costs for the charity, a necessary fee, was £419 although the premium was down slightly and was covered by the Pub Quiz income.

Other expenditure included £240 for hire of the local Young Farmers Club Hall in Seaforde for various events, classes, meetings and for use of electricity for the Christmas tree lights.

General running costs incurred included Bank Fees £36.51 and Printing costs of £178.68.

Due largely to a pending payment of £884 for the Christmas 2022 event grant, the association made a net loss of £349.46. Despite this the Cash in Bank remained healthy throughout the year and no credit was required or advanced funding requested. The closing balance in the bank account at the end of the year was £1999.86.

Due mainly to the pending grant payment the account had a lower closing balance at the end of the financial year.

• The opening balance at 1 st April 2022 was:	£ 2,349.32
• The total income was:	£ 2,819.87
• The total expenditure was:	£ 3,169.33
• The closing balance at 31 st March 2023 was:	£ 1,999.86

The Charity has no funds in deficit.

The Charity owns two assets, a printer and a defibrillator and associated housing, worth around £600.

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023



Trustee Approval

This report was approved on behalf of the Trustees on: 29 December 2023

By: *Clodagh Killen*

Print Name: Clodagh Killen

Role: Trustee

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023

Appendix A: Checklist from NI Charity Commission guidance document

Legal Requirement	Help Note	Check Complete
The financial year the report relates to	For example, 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.	✓
A summary of the charity's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit • main achievements in the year 	This is known as public benefit reporting. See section 4 of this guidance for further information.	✓
A statement that the trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance	Charity trustees are legally obliged to have regard to this guidance.	✓
A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year	A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year	✓
Details of any fund held by the charity that was materially in deficit' at the end of the year and steps taken by the charity trustees to eliminate the deficit	Funds that are 'materially in deficit' are in shortfall and, for example the shortfall in a particular fund may be considered material where it is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · a substantial amount of total overspend or · a substantial amount of overspend relative to the total amount received into that fund or · likely to have a significant impact on the deliverables of that particular activity 	N/A
A dated signature of one or more of the charity trustees	Those who sign/date the report must be authorised by the charity to do so.	✓
The name of the charity as it appears on the register of charities, as well as any other names it is known by	This may include an acronym or working name used by the charity.	✓
The Northern Ireland charity (NIC) number and, if applicable, company registration number	The NIC number was given to you when the charity was registered.	✓
The principal address of the charity and, if it is a charitable company, the address of its registered office	The principal address and the registered office may be the same.	✓

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2022/2023

<p>The names of: o all charity trustees on the date the report was approved and o all individuals who served as charity trustees during the year</p>	<p>The Commission may grant a request for trustee anonymity and exempt a charity from disclosing the name of one or more trustees in the report, or from listing the principal address of the charity. This will only be where there is a concern that the information could lead to an individual being placed in personal danger. If you have been granted anonymity at registration you should omit the relevant details from the trustees' annual report submitted to the Commission.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Details of how the charity is constituted and its governing document</p>	<p>Include details and dates of any document/provision setting out the charity's purposes and/or how it is administered e.g. governing document, a deed, or a management statement.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>A summary description of the purposes of the charity</p>	<p>Give a summary of the purposes of the charity as listed on the register of charities and in its governing document. The purposes are what the charity is set up to achieve.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments</p>	<p>If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Good practice	Help note	Check Complete
<p>Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</p>	<p>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Ensure that figures provided in the report are consistent with figures reported in the charity's accounts</p>		<p>✓</p>
<p>You can put more detail into your trustees' annual report if you think this will be useful to those most likely to read and use the report.</p>	<p>This can help to tell the story of what the charity has done, and what it has achieved, across the year, e.g., a chairperson's report, an environmental report or impact assessment.</p>	<p>✓</p>

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Seaforde & District Community Association

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Heather Holland

Relevant professional qualification or body: County Down Rural Community Network

Address: Ballymote Centre, 40 Killough, Downpatrick, BT30 6PY

Date: 29/01/24

Signature: 

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Accounts



Seaforde and District

Community Association

Income & Expenditure Accounts

<u>Bank & Cash Balances</u>	
Bank Account	£
Opening Balance as at 01/04/2021	3,132.80
Income	591.55
Less: Expenditure	1,375.03
Balance @ 31/03/2022	2,349.32
Balance per Bank Statement @ 31/3/2022	-
Less: Outstanding Cheques	-
Add: Outstanding Lodgements	
Reconciled Balance	-
Difference	-
Cash	£
Cash Opening Balance at 01/04/2021	-
Cash Income	-
Cash Expenditure	-
Cash Balance	-

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Annual report



TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022

Purpose

Under accounting and reporting regulations all registered charities must prepare a Trustees' Annual Report.

Although the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland relaxed reporting rules during the COVID19 Pandemic, permitting charities to "skip" reporting for 2020/21 and 2021/22 the Seaford and District Community Association has completed its reporting in the spirit of completeness and transparency.

This Trustee Annual Report covers all activities of the Seaford and District Community Association during the Financial Year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

The purpose of the Trustee Annual Report is to:

- Highlight the main activities undertaken by the Committee for the public benefit
- Tell people about the Committee's work, where its money has come from and how it has been spent
- Ensure the Committee is publicly accountable to its stakeholders

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022



Introduction – 2021/2022 in Review

During 2021/22 the COVID19 pandemic meant the committee continued to operate differently due to limited opportunities to engage local people face to face . While the first COVID19 vaccines commenced roll out in early 2021 the Government’s COVID19 lockdowns and restrictions were in place for the first quarter of 2021 and these eased to permit meetings in gardens in groups of ten people in April 2021. High school children were the last to return to school from 12 April in a phased scheduled. Hospitality reopened with restrictions in place from May 2021. In September restrictions on meetings in door were eased. In November 2021 COVID passports became mandatory for entry to pubs, restaurants and nightclubs and social distancing indoors was reintroduced on 27 December 2021. All COVID19 regulations were eventually lifted in mid-February 2022 and replaced with guidelines.

During the year the committee activities, although limited due to COVID19, continued to promote the wellbeing of local people of all ages and backgrounds and to foster links with the wider community. When restrictions eased the committee held a litter pick event in June 2021 and this helped improve the local environment which was beneficial as more people continued to exercise locally during the COVID19 pandemic.

The committee kept the local people informed of progress on the Seaforde Community trail project; this opened in 2021. With the COVID19 pandemic and lockdowns in place the pathway has proven popular and it has brought crucial benefits in health and wellbeing to the local community.

In December 2021 a Christmas tree was erected in Seaforde bringing Christmas cheer once more. A community switch on event wasn’t possible due to COVID19 however the committee shared photos of the Lights switch on via Facebook.

In March 2022, following the lifting of COVID19 regulations, and the replacement of these with guidelines, the Committee arranged it’s first in person event in over two years. The committee held a Wellbeing Workshop in the Young Farmers Club Hall in the village. The workshop was delivered by The Wellbeing Pathway in partnership with MYMY (mental health charity) and funded by Comic Relief. The workshop was fully booked and attended by local people who availed of the opportunity to come together with their neighbours.

A summary of the activities of the years 2021/22 were presented at the charity’s AGM in Sept 2022 and are highlighted in the red boxes below:

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022

Q4 2020 / 2021 / 2022 Highlights

December 2020 to June 2022




Activity at Christmas 2020 and throughout 2021

- **Distributed PCSP Home Safety Kits** to the more vulnerable in our community in Winter 2020
- **Christmas Tree 2020** lit throughout first Christmas of lock down. New lights installed brought Christmas cheer together with Virtual Lights switch shared via a Facebook Video attracting c.3100 views
- **Summer Seat** installed on Main Street beside the water pump in December 2020
- Supported the **Seaforde Woodland Walk** project which opened in 2021 engaging with Outdoor Recreation NI, local Landowners and Newry, Mourne and Down (NM&D) District Council
- Keeping Seaforde looking well with **two Litter Pick events**, held in March and June 2021 and tidy up at YFC Hall in August 2021
- Engaged in the Nov 2021 **Interagency meeting** with NM&D District Council, DFI Roads, NIHE and PSNI
- **Paediatric pads secured for the Defibrillator** at YFC Hall, Seaforde – sponsored by Seaforde Digger Hire in Nov 2021
- **Christmas Tree 2021** Lights Switch on by Woodland Elves. Community event not possible due to Covid19

Emerging from Lockdown - 2022 plans and Events

- **Sustainability** aims supported in Jan 2022 by **donating Seaforde Christmas Tree to Kindale Donkey Sanctuary** in Ballynahinch
- **"R" Wellbeing Workshop** held in YFC Hall, Seaforde in March 2022. This was delivered by The Wellbeing Pathway in partnership with MYMY and funded by Comic Relief
- Community on the ground with a **Litter Pick** held in June 2022
- **Maintenance checks of Defibrillator** at YFC Hall, Seaforde
- **Secured Funding** from Newry, Mourne & Down District Council for **Pathway Event** being held on 10 September 2022
- Engagements regarding **Seaforde Woodland Walk**

Our Digital Presence Continues to Grow!

-  **691** Facebook Page followers, up 43% since Nov 2020
-  **25** Twitter Followers
-  **6155** People reached with last three Facebook posts

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022



Public Benefit Statement

Throughout the year the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement whereby:

- the purposes of the Group are demonstrated through the activities undertaken and are beneficial to all residents within the Seaforde and District area
- the benefits delivered by the Group are for the wider community in general and are never focused on providing private benefit to any one individual or group

Despite the continuing COVID19 pandemic and the lockdowns and restrictions that were implemented by the Government to control the spread of the virus, direct benefits flowed from the purpose of the Seaforde and District Community Association. These included giving local people an opportunity to get together with others to enjoy socially distanced interaction at litter pick events and clean and new enjoy outdoor spaces. The committee has supported the community to look after their physical and mental well-being by sharing updates on the development and opening of the new Seaforde Woodland Pathway. The committee worked to help finalise the pathway and pursuing its opening date. The committee delivered benefits to the residents of Seaforde by attending the Interagency meeting with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, NIHE, PSNI and DFI Roads. At this meeting the committee raised issues on behalf of local residents. A wellbeing workshop was also delivered once COVID19 restrictions had been removed. This workshop was open to all people and was fully booked. The benefits of this to all residents post pandemic were very much welcomed. These benefits are also demonstrated through feedback from beneficiaries and by the level of engagement on the updates reported on Facebook by the committee and through attendance at the first face to face event post pandemic. The purposes of our charity will not lead to any harm. The charity's beneficiaries are people living in the Seaforde area. From time to time a private benefit to trustees may arise from the programme of ongoing support to community and voluntary groups. Through this support, trustees may gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022



About Seaforde and District Community Association

1. The Charity is known as: “Seaforde and District Community Association“
2. The Charity is registered with the NI Charity Commission, registration number: NI102055
3. The Charity’s has a Constitution which is the main governing document that sets out how the charity operates – this is available to all members of the public and can be requested by sending an email to contact@seaforde.org.uk
4. The Charity’s Mission Statement is as follows:

“The purpose of Seaforde and District Community Association is to improve people's quality of life in the Seaforde area, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, political, religious or other opinion.

Quality of life includes social wellbeing, physical and mental health, education, capacity building, community development, heritage and the built and natural environment.”

5. The Charity’s Trustees as at 31st March 2022 where:
 - i. Clodagh Killen – Chairperson
 - ii. James Frost – Secretary
 - iii. Leon Frost – Vice Chairperson
 - iv. John Knipe – Treasurer
 - v. Alice Forde - Committee Member
 - vi. Julie Micklethwaite - Committee Member
 - vii. Grainne Burke – Committee Member
 - viii. Sandra Martin - Committee Member
 - ix. Edyta Wright – Committee Member
 - x. Paul Wright – Committee Member
6. No Other Charity Trustees served during the 2021/2022 financial year.
7. The Charity’s address for written correspondence is:

*SADCA
c/o Mr John Knipe,
1A Kennel Road,
Seaforde,
Downpatrick
County Down
BT30 8NS*

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022



Activities during the 2021/2022 Financial Year

The Charity's Financial Year ran from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. During this period the Committee organised as many activities as possible during the COVID19 pandemic given the lockdowns and restrictions in force during that time. The activities and events organised included:

- June 2021 – litter pick event in Seaforde Village and the surrounding area
- Dec 2021 – erected village Christmas tree. Lights Switch on shared online due to COVID19
- Jan 2022 – sustainability aims supported by donating Seaforde Christmas tree to Kindale Donkey Sanctuary in Ballynahinch
- March 2022 – Held in-person Wellbeing Workshop in Seaforde

During the year the Committee progressed or completed a number of projects including:

- Funding applications submitted to Newry Mourne & Down District Council to enable a Pathway Event in 2022 (completed and successful)
- Supported the Seaforde Woodland Walk project; the new pathway opened in 2021. The committee engaged with Outdoor Recreation NI (project managers), local Landowners and Newry, Mourne and Down District council. The committee also engaged in finalising signage, bins and photos for brochures and keeping the community updated on building progress via Facebook. (completed)

Further to these events and projects the Committee continued to promote and take an active role in supporting others:

- Nov 2021 – Engaged in Interagency meeting with NM&D District Council, DFI Roads, NIHE and PSNI. This role involves representing our community as raising issues on its behalf
- Nov 2021 – secured paediatric pads for the Defibrillator at Young Farmers Hall in Seaforde
- Ongoing - Maintenance of a community defibrillator at the Young Farmer's Hall (the NI Ambulance Service has called for the defibrillator on more than one occasion)

The Charity's Management Committee had regular online meetings, usually monthly, throughout this financial year to perform its role in coordination of the above.

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022



Financial Statement

The Charity's financial position for the 2021/2022 Financial Year continued to be good, with good cash flow maintained from the previous year meaning the committee did not need to take up advanced funding.

Income was received in the year from grant claims made for the Christmas tree switch on delivered in 2020. A one off refund was received from the Department of Infrastructure following the installation of the summer seat in December 2020.

It was another quiet year due to the COVID19 pandemic and its associated lockdowns and restrictions. This has resulted in a lower expenditure during this financial year with a one off expenditure on an event; the 2021 Christmas tree and Lights Switch On. Other expenditure included Insurance costs and hall hire costs for historic use.

Despite COVID restriction for a second year running preventing the usual income generating events (such as the pub quiz which traditionally covers our insurance premium) our Cash in Bank remained healthy throughout the year and no credit was required or advanced funded requested.

Due mainly to the historic hall hire fees paid in this financial year the account had a lower closing balance at the end of the financial year.

- The opening balance at 1st April 2020 was: £ 3,132.80
- The total income was: £ 591.55
- The total expenditure was: £ 1,375.03
- The closing balance at 31st March 2021 was: £ 2,349.32

The Charity has no funds in deficit.

The Charity owns two assets, a printer and a defibrillator and associated housing, worth around £800.

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022



Trustee Approval

This report was approved on behalf of the Trustees on: 11 January 2023

By: *Clodagh Killen*

Print Name: Clodagh Killen

Role: Chairperson

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022

Appendix A: Checklist from NI Charity Commission guidance document

Legal Requirement	Help Note	Check Complete
The financial year the report relates to	For example, 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.	✓
A summary of the charity's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit • main achievements in the year 	This is known as public benefit reporting. See section 4 of this guidance for further information.	✓
A statement that the trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance	Charity trustees are legally obliged to have regard to this guidance.	✓
A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year	A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year	✓
Details of any fund held by the charity that was materially in deficit' at the end of the year and steps taken by the charity trustees to eliminate the deficit	Funds that are 'materially in deficit' are in shortfall and, for example the shortfall in a particular fund may be considered material where it is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · a substantial amount of total overspend or · a substantial amount of overspend relative to the total amount received into that fund or · likely to have a significant impact on the deliverables of that particular activity 	N/A
A dated signature of one or more of the charity trustees	Those who sign/date the report must be authorised by the charity to do so.	✓
The name of the charity as it appears on the register of charities, as well as any other names it is known by	This may include an acronym or working name used by the charity.	✓
The Northern Ireland charity (NIC) number and, if applicable, company registration number	The NIC number was given to you when the charity was registered.	✓
The principal address of the charity and, if it is a charitable company, the address of its registered office	The principal address and the registered office may be the same.	✓

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022

<p>The names of: o all charity trustees on the date the report was approved and o all individuals who served as charity trustees during the year</p>	<p>The Commission may grant a request for trustee anonymity and exempt a charity from disclosing the name of one or more trustees in the report, or from listing the principal address of the charity. This will only be where there is a concern that the information could lead to an individual being placed in personal danger. If you have been granted anonymity at registration you should omit the relevant details from the trustees' annual report submitted to the Commission.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Details of how the charity is constituted and its governing document</p>	<p>Include details and dates of any document/provision setting out the charity's purposes and/or how it is administered e.g. governing document, a deed, or a management statement.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>A summary description of the purposes of the charity</p>	<p>Give a summary of the purposes of the charity as listed on the register of charities and in its governing document. The purposes are what the charity is set up to achieve.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments</p>	<p>If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Good practice	Help note	Check Complete
<p>Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</p>	<p>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Ensure that figures provided in the</p>		<p>✓</p>

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2021/2022



report are consistent with figures reported in the charity's accounts		
You can put more detail into your trustees' annual report if you think this will be useful to those most likely to read and use the report.	This can help to tell the story of what the charity has done, and what it has achieved, across the year, e.g., a chairperson's report, an environmental report or impact assessment.	✓

Seaforde and District Community Association

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102055

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Seaforde & District Community Association

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Heather Holland

Relevant professional qualification or body: County Down Rural Community Network

Address: Ballymote Centre, 40 Killough, Downpatrick, BT30 6PY

Date: 05.06.23

Signature: H. Holland