

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102290

Details

Known as GBYFC

Status Received

Registered 2015-07-15

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Activities

Purposes: To advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the YFC International Statement of Faith, and promote for the benefit of young people, primarily, but not exclusively, within Greater Ballyclare area of Northern Ireland by the provision of facilities and in the interests of social welfare and to educate such young people in accordance with Christian principle and in particular. a) to assist young people through their leisure-time activities to develop their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and society and so that their conditions of life may be improved. b) to advance the Christian faith by encouraging participation of local Churches in the evangelism of young people and discipling of young people into local congregations. c) to provide educational and religious resources, training and support to organisations such as Schools and Churches; d) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose anywhere in the World as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£78,569	£85,835	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Hamilton		
Martin Spence		
Miss Anna Wright		
Miss Craig Christine		
Mr Mark McMullan		
Suzanne Mclean		

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ

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Accounts

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

**Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Donations	1	16,008	49,127	65,135	60,320
Grants	2	2,200	10,000	12,200	14,279
Youth contributions		-	360	360	1,933
Interest Receivable		-	874	874	1,046
Total Income		18,208	60,361	78,569	77,578
Resources Expended					
Cost of Activities in furtherance of the charities activities					
Drop-in centre running costs		2,151	11,289	13,440	15,104
Staff costs		16,008	47,590	63,598	68,105
Programme costs		49	2,382	2,431	9,863
Miscellaneous costs		-	6,366	6,366	6,480
Travel expenses		-	-	-	920
Tuck Shop Expenses		-	-	-	-
Repayment of EA underspend		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		18,208	67,627	85,835	100,472
Net (Expenditure) / Income for the Year		-	(7,266)	(7,266)	(22,894)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Income before other recognised gains or losses		-	(7,266)	(7,266)	(22,894)
Net movement in Funds		-	(7,266)	(7,266)	(22,894)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		-	71,754	71,754	94,648
Fund Balances Carried Forward		-	64,488	64,488	71,754

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Short term deposits		45,560	42,871
Cash at bank and in hand		26,879	31,939
Debtors		750	169
		<u>73,189</u>	<u>74,979</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		8,701	3,225
Net Current Assets		64,488	71,754
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		64,488	71,754
Net Assets		<u>64,488</u>	<u>71,754</u>
Funds			
Restricted Funds	5	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	5	<u>64,488</u>	<u>71,754</u>
Total Funds		<u>64,488</u>	<u>71,754</u>

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

Trustees' responsibilities:

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees of Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ and are signed on their behalf by:



19/6/25

Mark McMullan

Date

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ has prepared the accounts on a going concern basis. The charity holds sufficient reserves with strong continued support by the members.

c) Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- Donated services and facilities - in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Charity's volunteers is not recognised financially in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Interest receivable - interest on funds held on deposit is included when received.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates. All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the nature of the expenditure.

e) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of the appeal.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Accounting Policies ctd...

f) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Greater Ballyclare has no fixed assets.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

h) Taxation

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ is a registered charity and the charitable tax exemptions are therefore being claimed to the extent that income and/or gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only. These exemptions will remain in place as long as income and expenditure is applied to charitable purposes only.

i) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these assumptions are based on historical estimates.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total 2024
Note 1 Donations				
Donations from individuals	-	22,640	22,640	20,067
Donations from churches	-	17,308	17,308	15,038
Donations from schools	-	525	525	150
Gift aid	-	8,654	8,654	7,637
Staff support	16,008	-	16,008	17,428
	16,008	49,127	65,135	60,320

Note 2 Grants				
Education Authority	2,200		2,200	3,279
Ardbarron Trust	-	10,000	10,000	11,000
Spark	-	-	-	-
	2,200	10,000	12,200	14,279

Note 3 Staff costs

The average head count of staff employed by the charity in the year was 4 (2024: 6). This is analysed between full-time and part-time staff below:

	2025	2024
Full-time staff:	3	3
Part-time staff:	1	3
	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000 in this financial year (2024: None)

Note 4 Related parties

During the year trustees have not been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity (2024: Nil)

The total amount of donations received from trustees without conditions in the year was £5,728

Note 5 Analysis of funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2025
General funds	71,754	60,361	(67,627)	64,488
	71,754	60,361	(67,627)	64,488

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
General funds	94,648	56,871	(79,765)	71,754
	94,648	56,871	(79,765)	71,754

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2025
Education Authority	-	2,200	(2,200)	-
Staff support	-	16,008	(16,008)	-
	-	18,208	(18,208)	-

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
Education Authority	-	3,279	(3,279)	-
Staff support	-	17,428	(17,428)	-
	-	20,707	(20,707)	-

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Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

**Statement of Financial Activities
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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Donations	1	17,428	42,892	60,320	65,631
Grants	2	3,279	11,000	14,279	82,105
Youth contributions		-	1,933	1,933	1,255
Interest Receivable		-	1,046	1,046	470
Fundraising		-	-	-	1,383
Other income		-	-	-	391
Total Income		20,707	56,871	77,578	151,235
Resources Expended					
Cost of Activities in furtherance of the charities activities					
Drop-in centre running costs		2,150	12,954	15,104	16,712
Staff costs		17,428	50,677	68,105	97,480
Programme costs		1,129	8,734	9,863	11,468
Miscellaneous costs		-	6,480	6,480	6,372
Travel expenses		-	920	920	1,226
Tuck Shop Expenses		-	-	-	144
Repayment of EA underspend		-	-	-	20,108
Total Expenditure		20,707	79,765	100,472	153,509
Net (Expenditure) / Income for the Year		-	(22,894)	(22,894)	(2,274)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Income before other recognised gains or losses		-	(22,894)	(22,894)	(2,274)
Net movement in Funds		-	(22,894)	(22,894)	(2,274)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		-	94,648	94,648	96,922
Fund Balances Carried Forward		-	71,754	71,754	94,648

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**Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Short term deposits		42,871	61,876
Cash at bank and in hand		31,939	32,772
Debtors		169	-
		74,979	94,648
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		3,225	-
Net Current Assets			
		71,754	94,648
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			
		71,754	94,648
Net Assets			
		71,754	94,648
Funds			
Restricted Funds	5	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	5	71,754	94,648
Total Funds		71,754	94,648

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees of Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ and are signed on their behalf by:

Mark McMulla
Trustee

13/6/24
Date

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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j) Correction of prior period error

In the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023, an accrual was included on the balance sheet for £2,000, the expenditure relating to this accrual was not included in the statement of financial activities for that year. The accrual related to a provision for the repayment of an EA grant, which was paid out in the year ended 31 March 2024 for a lower amount. As such, the comparative amount for 2023 accruals in the financial statements for year ended 31 March 2024 has been adjusted to nil, and no adjustment to this years statement of financial activities has been made.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total 2022
Note 1 Donations				
Donations from individuals	-	20,067	20,067	23,930
Donations from churches	-	15,038	15,038	13,928
Donations from schools	-	150	150	50
Gift aid	-	7,637	7,637	8,514
Staff support	17,428	-	17,428	19,209
	17,428	42,892	60,320	65,631

Note 2 Grants

Education Authority	3,279	-	3,279	69,738
Ardbarron Trust	-	11,000	11,000	11,000
Spark	-	-	-	1,367
	3,279	11,000	14,279	82,105

Note 3 Staff costs

The average head count of staff employed by the charity in the year was 6 (2023: 7). This is analysed between full-time and part-time staff below:

	2024	2023
Full-time staff:	3	4
Part-time staff:	3	3
	6	7

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000 in this financial year (2023: None)

Note 4 Related parties

During the year trustees have not been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity (2023: Nil)

The total amount of donations received from trustees without conditions in the year was £5,376

Note 5 Analysis of funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	94,648	56,871	(79,765)	71,754
	94,648	56,871	(79,765)	71,754
Restricted funds				
Education Authority	-	3,279	(3,279)	-
Staff support	-	-	-	-
	-	3,279	(3,279)	-

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102290

Annual report

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**Charity Number: NI102290
Company Number: NI616236**

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

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Trustee's Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Register Charity Name Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

Registered Office address:

1 Granges Road
Ballyclare
BT39 9ZJ

Registered Charity Number: NI 102290

Company Number: NI616236

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Names:

Mr A Blackwell	Resigned 30 November 2023
Miss C Craig	
Mr A S D Hamilton	
Mrs F M Marshall	Resigned 13 June 2024
Mrs S E R McLean	
Mr M H Spence	
Miss A L Wright	
Mr M Hull	
Mr M McMullan	Appointed 13 June 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ian Cusick

BANKERS

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

Trustee's Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Objectives and activities

The object of the charity is to advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the Youth For Christ Statement of Faith and Doctrinal Basis and to promote for the benefit of young people, primarily, but not exclusively, within the Greater Ballyclare area of Northern Ireland by the provision of facilities and in the interests of social welfare and to educate such young people in accordance with Christian principle. In particular:

- (a) to assist young people through their leisure time activities to develop their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and so that their conditions of life may be improved;
- (b) to advance the Christian faith by encouraging participation of local Churches in the evangelism of young people and discipling of young people into local congregations;
- (c) to provide educational and religious resources, training and support to organisations such as schools and churches;
- (d) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose anywhere in the World as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of the charity.

The main activities carried out by the charity to fulfill the purposes of the charity include: running a Drop In centre several times a week in Ballyclare for young people to spend time after school and in the evening; providing RE lessons, assemblies and running SU groups in local primary and secondary schools as well as co-ordinating Spark Ballyclare and trips to Summer Madness and YFCNI Summer camp. Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ also run mentoring groups including a young leaders course for young people from local churches.

Achievements and performance

During the year, GBYFC ran our Senior Drop in programme for secondary school young people on Wednesday and Friday evenings each week. In this time over 100 young people have come through our doors. In April 2023 we finally relaunched our Junior drop in programme for the first time since 2020 welcoming P5-P7's into our Drop in centre. Throughout the year we ran numerous programmes and projects for the young people who attended. Once Summer approached, the regular running of our drop in was replaced by various trips and summer events. We brought 7 young people to Summer Madness at Portglenone Monastery, 12 young people to YFCNI Summer Camp at Ganaway Activity centre and coordinated Spark Ballyclare alongside local churches. GBYFC continued to run mentoring groups for both boys and girls groups during the year.

Structure, Governance and management

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The charitable company was incorporated on 9 January 2013 (Company no: NI616236) and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity no: 102290) and with HMRC (Charity no: XR73253).

Trustees are elected from amongst the individual members and representatives of affiliate member organisations. The trustees have the power at any time to co-opt a person onto the board. Any trustee so appointed shall only hold office until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for election.

The charity is affiliated to Youth for Christ Northern Ireland and adheres to the charter of Youth for Christ Northern Ireland. Youth for Christ Northern Ireland are entitled to appoint one member of the board of trustees.

Financial review

The income of Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ for the year ended 31 March 2024 was £77,578 (2023: £151,235), with the decrease in income largely due to the loss of funding received from Education Authority in 22/23. Expenditure for the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 was £100,472 (2023: £153,509) with the decrease in expenditure largely due to staffing changes and a grant repayment made in 22/23. Total funds of the charity at 31st March 2024 were £71,754, which were all unrestricted funds. The trustees consider it prudent to hold reserves to cover any statutory redundancy costs and costs of fulfilling any other contractual obligations in the event of the charity winding up, along with 6 months running costs of the organisation. The trustees consider the reserves held by charity at 31st March 2024 to be sufficient.

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Trustee's Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Trustees report which incorporates the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Company law requires the directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for the period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures

disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

In accordance with section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, the company is exempt from the provisions relating to an audit and consequently, no auditors have been appointed.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustee's annual report was approved on 13 June 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mark McMullan

MARK McMULLAN

TRUSTEE

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ

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Annual return

**Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ
Independent Examiner's Report**

Year Ended 31 March 2024

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Ian Cusick FCA
Independent Examiner

Date: 15/12/24

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Accounts

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for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**Charity Number: XR73253
Company Number: NI616236**

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023, including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ
Address:
1 Granges Road
Ballyclare
BT39 9ZJ

Registered Charity Number XR73253

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Names:

Mr A Blackwell
Miss C Craig
Mr A S D Hamilton
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Company Secretary	Mrs F M Marshall

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Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

Director's Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is to advance the Christian religion for the public benefit in accordance with the Youth For Christ Statement of Faith and Doctrinal Basis and to promote for the benefit of young people, primarily, but not exclusively, within the Greater Ballyclare area of Northern Ireland by the provision of facilities and in the interests of social welfare and to educate such young people in accordance with Christian principle. In particular:

- (a) to assist young people through their leisure time activities to develop their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and so that their conditions of life may be improved;
- (b) to advance the Christian faith by encouraging participation of local Churches in the evangelism of young people and discipling of young people into local congregations;
- (c) to provide educational and religious resources, training and support to organisations such as schools and churches;
- (d) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose anywhere in the World as the directors may, from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of the charity.

Company status

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. It was incorporated on 9 January 2013 and has a charitable status – Ref XR73253.

Results and dividend

The results are set out on pages 7 to 12. GBYFC had net expenditure for the financial year of £5,601 (2022 – income of £57,472) which has decreased the reserves from £96,922 to £91,321.

Reserves policy

The directors' policy in relation to free reserves is to ensure that GBYFC achieves minimum reserves of at least £42,000 to cover any unforeseen costs which may arise and to fulfill the legal obligations of GBYFC in the event that current levels of income are not maintained. Free reserves are its total funds excluding restricted funds. This level of reserve has been set as it represents a full year of staff salaries and obligations under the rental agreement.

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 are shown on page 2.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for the period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

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Director's Report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and Directors' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

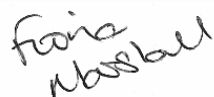
The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and

enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

In accordance with section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, the company is exempt from the provisions relating to an audit and consequently, no auditors have been appointed.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.



Mrs F M Marshall (Company secretary)

Date: 14th June 2023

**Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ
Independent Examiner's Report**

Year Ended 31 March 2023

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- (iii) 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. The 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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**Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ
Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ended 31 March 2023**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland which is one of the listed bodies.

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



Alan Thomson
75 Lynda Meadows, Newtownabbey, BT37 0AT

Date: 14/06/2023

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ
Statement of Financial Activities
(incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income					
Donations and Gifts	1	-	23,930	23,930	22,545
Churches and Church Groups	2	-	13,928	13,928	13,728
Trust Funds	3	71,105	11,000	82,105	94,716
Youth and School contributions	4	1,255	50	1,305	175
Staff Support	5	-	19,209	19,209	23,082
Activities for Generating Funds					
Tuck Shop Income		-	255	255	482
Fundraising		-	1,383	1,383	-
Miscellaneous		-	136	136	-
Gift Aid		-	8,514	8,514	8,387
Interest Receivable		-	470	470	9
Total Income		72,360	78,875	151,235	163,124
Resources Expended					
Cost of Activities in furtherance of the charities activities					
Drop-in centre running costs	6	13,008	3,704	16,712	24,108
Staff costs	7	46,243	51,237	97,480	70,125
Programme costs	8	11,014	454	11,468	5,133
Miscellaneous costs	9	2,095	4,277	6,372	5,482
Travel expenses		-	1,226	1,226	308
Tuck Shop Expenses		-	144	144	497
Repayment of EA underspend		-	20,108	20,108	-
Total Expenditure		72,360	81,149	153,509	105,651
Net (Expenditure) / Income for the Year		0	(2,274)	(2,274)	57,472
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Net Income before other recognised gains or losses		0	(2,274)	(2,274)	57,472
Net movement in Funds		0	(2,274)	(2,274)	57,472
Reconciliation of Funds					
Fund Balances Brought Forward		-	96,922	96,922	39,450
Fund Balances Carried Forward		0	94,648	94,648	96,922

All income derives from continuing activities, therefore no statement of recognised gains or losses is given.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors EA Grant		-	12,675
Short term deposits		61,876	48,779
Cash at bank and in hand		32,772	35,468
		<u>94,648</u>	<u>96,922</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals		2,000	-
		<u>92,648</u>	<u>96,922</u>
Net Current Assets		92,648	96,922
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		92,648	96,922
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Net Assets		<u>92,648</u>	<u>96,922</u>
Funds			
Restricted Funds	10		-
Unrestricted Funds	10	<u>94,648</u>	<u>96,922</u>
		<u>94,648</u>	<u>96,922</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 14 June 2023.

Fiona Rossell

Director

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019) and the (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ has an annual income of less than £250,000. The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ has prepared the accounts on a going concern basis. The balance sheet is strong with strong continued support by the members.

c) Income

Income is recognised by the charity on a receipt basis.

d) Donated services and facilities

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Charity's volunteers is not recognised financially in the Statement of Financial Activities.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received.

f) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of the appeal.

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Accounting Policies ctd...

g) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when paid.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of central church assessments, ministry and support staff, core team and organisations expenditure, church running costs and administration, donations and other support services to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ is not registered for VAT purposes, therefore irrecoverable VAT is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities, or capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset,

h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

i) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Greater Ballyclare has no fixed assets.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Taxation

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ is a registered charity and the charitable tax exemptions are therefore being claimed to the extent that income and/or gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only. These exemptions will remain in place as long as income and expenditure is applied to charitable

l) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these assumptions are based on historical

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total 2022
Note 1 Donations and Gifts				
Monthly donations to GBYFC	-	20,580	20,580	19,400
One off donations to GBYFC	-	3,350	3,350	3,145
	-	23,930	23,930	22,545
Note 2 Churches and Church Groups				
Ballylinney Presbyterian Church	-	4,050	14,550	3,700
Glenabbey Church	-	2,000	2,000	2,020
Ballyclare Methodist Church	-	1,500	1,500	2,500
St John's Church of Ireland	-	750	750	1,500
Kilbride Presbyterian Church	-	1,008	1,008	1,008
Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Ballyclare Presbyterian Church	-	2,070	2,070	2,000
The Way	-	250	250	-
Straid Congregational Church	-	200	200	-
Ballycraig Congregational Church	-	1,000	1,000	-
Ballynure Presbyterian Church	-	100	100	-
	-	13,928	13,928	13,728
Note 3 Trust Funds				
Ardbarron Trust	-	11,000	11,000	12,000
Education Authority IT	-	-	-	11,460
Education Authority Core Programme	69,738	-	69,738	71,256
Spark	1,367	-	1,367	-
	71,105	11,000	82,105	94,716
Note 4 Youth and Schools				
Youth Contribution to trips	1,255	-	1,255	-
Schools Donations	-	50	50	175
	1,255	50	1,305	175
Note 5 Staff Support				
<i>Monthly donations</i>				
Ballyclare Presbyterian Church	-	2,000	2,000	3,000
Carnmoney Presbyterian Church	-	-	-	1,000
Individual donors	-	15,459	15,459	18,166
<i>One off donations</i>				
Individual donors	-	-	-	216
Muckamore Presbyterian Church	-	1,000	1,000	-
Church of Ireland	-	750	750	700
	-	19,209	19,209	23,082

Greater Ballyclare Youth For Christ

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total 2022
Note 6 Centre Running Costs				
Centre supplies	650	42	693	540
Centre maintenance, furniture & equipment	1,133	3,364	4,497	1,297
Rent	9,690	-	9,690	8,599
Heat, Light, Phone, Internet & Water	1,129	292	1,420	1,814
IT equipment & licenses	406	6	412	11,858
	13,008	3,704	16,712	24,108

Note 7 Staffing Costs

Staff salaries	43,050	46,005	89,055	64,832
Staff & volunteer training	695	1,641	2,336	2,424
Pension cost	2497.54	3590.61	6,088	2,869
	46,243	51,237	97,480	70,125

Note 8 Programme Costs

Schools	107	22	129	662
Tea & toast	253	14	267	-
General programme	4,011	-	4,011	4,470
Camps and trips	5,124	138	5,262	-
Spark	1,367	280	1,647	-
Football	152	-	152	-
	11,014	454	11,468	5,133

Note 9 Miscellaneous Expenses

Companies house fees	-	13	13	13
Insurance	1,555	-	1,555	1,395
Bank charges	-	64	64	96
Community and Stakehold Events	240	125	365	-
Safe guarding policy YFCNI	300	-	300	-
Chartering and Donation to YFCNI	-	4,075	4,075	3,978
	2,095	4,277	6,372	5,482

Note 10 Analysis of Reserves

Balance B/F from 1st April 2022	-	96,922	96,922	
Inflow for the year	72,360	78,875	151,235	
Expenditure for the year	(72,360)	(81,149)	(153,509)	
Balance C/F at 31st March 2023	0	94,648	94,648	

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102290

Annual report



Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ Chairpersons Report 2022-2023

Good evening everyone and welcome to Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ's annual celebration event. My name is Alan Blackwell and I am Chairperson of the Board. Before we start this evening I would just like to open in prayer.

As I said in my letter to you all, it is very difficult to believe that it is 12 months since our last celebration event, this year has absolutely flown by, we have much to reflect on, and much to thank God for, and we look forward to doing this throughout the course of this evening. I will not be saying anything about the youth work that takes place with the young people, and will leave this to the experts, but will be reflecting on our experiences as a Board.

As we start this evening I want to read a verse from Scripture. In Ecclesiastes chapter 3 the author Solomon reflects on the seasons of life. In verses 1-9, the list describes these different seasons, highlighting the more positive aspects of life as well as the much more. In verse 14 the author writes *"I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it that men should fear Him."*

As Solomon reflected on the changing times of life, we here at Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ have also experienced seasons of change within our organization over the past 12 months, some good, some more challenging. Yet throughout all of this we have experienced a Heavenly Father who is constant and who is in sovereign control of these changes and whose plans and purposes are perfect. I just want to spend a few moments reflecting on these, some which have already occurred and some which are due to take place, but all which have had an impact on the life of GBYFC over the past 12 months.

GBYFC couldn't do what it does without a committed and creative staff team. We have Hayley as our Centre Co-ordinator. Hannah Rose and Danny as our full-time youth workers, Ian, Amy and Daniel as our part-time staff. We are so thankful for the ongoing work of all our staff, both full-time and part-time. Their gifts and abilities in developing relationships, running programmes and providing a safe and secure environment for the young people of Ballyclare is the reason that GBYFC has such an impact in our town. Yet, this year has been and continues to be a season of change for our staff team. Many of you will recall that last year we were delighted to have Kate McCoy as part of the team as our Schools Worker. Kate worked tirelessly in providing assemblies and programmes for some of the schools in the Greater Ballyclare area. This work was largely impacted by Covid, yet Kate's creativity and enthusiasm still shone through on video or in the classroom when she was able to go in to schools. Kate has now moved on to another post, and so the rest of the full-time staff are picking up the responsibilities that Kate once had.

Our full-time staff are under-pinned by the work of our part-time staff. Amy, Daniel and Ian are now all apart of the furniture at GBYFC. The young people have formed such positive relationships with them and see them in the same light as the full-time staff which is testament to their God given gifts and abilities. Yet like Kate, this is a season of change for our part-time staff. Amy Turner has now completed her studies at University and has been offered a full-time job elsewhere.

To say that Amy will be missed is an under-statement. Amy on behalf of the Board I want to thank you for your work and dedication to the work of GBYFC over these past 2 years. You will be missed, but we trust that God will bless you in the role that you have been lead to take. We are delighted that Daniel and Ian remain part of the team for the time being.

Finally when it comes to our staff, but by now means least, Hannah Rose. The eagled eyed among you will have noticed that Hannah Rose has put on a bit of weight recently!! The Board were delighted to hear of Hannah Rose's pregnancy a number of months ago. Hannah Rose will be going off on maternity leave before too much longer, and for the next number of months her focus will no longer be on putting out appealing facebook or Instagram posts, developing engaging programmes for the girls group or just being that bubbly presence during drop in, she will 100% be a full-time mum. Hannah Rose please be reassured of our prayers over these next weeks months. While maternity leave may seem to stretch a long way before you, please enjoy every moment of it, as it will go by in the blink of an eye. As a Board we look forward to seeing HR again at some stage in 2024.

I also want to publicly thank our volunteers. They willingly give up their time and to ensure that our drop in service can run in the evenings. As a Board we do not take this for granted and thank each and every volunteer for all that they do.

Nothing ever stays the same forever, God has different plans for us all, As change occur then new needs develop. As Kate has left, Amy is leaving and HR goes on maternity leave please pray for our staff team. Remember Hayley our centre manager and Danny our full-time worker as well as Daniel and Ian. Pray that God would equip them as they endeavour to meet the needs of the young people of Ballyclare, please also pray that God would call someone to this work, most likely on a temporary part time basis.

Secondly, many of you will recall that GBYFC have enjoyed the benefits of funding from the Education Authority over the past 3 years. This enabled the Board and staff to develop programmes and events that were appealing for our young people, whilst ensuring that there was sufficient staffing to run these programmes. Our staff were able to think outside the box and provide activities that wouldn't always have been the norm for GBYFC. After much thought and consideration the Board decided to apply for further funding for 2 more years. Much time was spent in completing this process, however, the bid was unsuccessful and the Education Authority chose to allocate their money elsewhere. Whilst disappointed this has given the Board and staff the opportunity to re-evaluate our priorities, to consider what works best for GBYFC and where we can best utilize the skills and abilities of our staff and volunteers. Later in the year we hope to our launch our vision document which will outline the future plans of GBYFC. We have also had cause to reflect on the promises held within God's word. In Matt 6 vs 31 & 32 it says "So do not worry, saying "What shall we eat" or "What shall we drink" or "What shall we wear"? For the pagans run after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them." We have the reassurance that God knew the needs of GBYFC before the EA funding and he was faithful in providing for those needs, he provided for us in the EA funding and he remains faithful now and we trust and pray that God will bless the ongoing work of GBYFC in our town and will provide for all our needs, be that financial or otherwise.

GBYFC has been encouraged and blessed by the faithful giving of individuals and churches in supporting the work over many years now, and this leads me to say a huge thank you to those who provide support both prayerful and financial, especially as we live in such a challenging financial environment. It is our prayer that individuals and Churches will continue to feel lead to contribute

financially, prayerfully and practically in support of this work, as without these things, Our staff couldn't do what they do without the support they receive.

We have talked about EA, the staff team and finally the Board. Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ has been blessed by Godly, humble and committed men and women who have given up their free time to discuss and direct the work of GBYFC, over many years. For those supporters who read the Board nomination slip, you will have noticed that while 2 Board members are stepping down, only one is standing for re-election. After 20+ years Fiona has decided to step down from her role as Treasurer and as a Board member. Fiona will be a huge loss to GBYFC as her wise counsel, work and wit will all be missed hugely by the Board. I don't think any of us fully realise the hours of work that Fiona has put in over the past years. She has stuck with it during tough times, when humanly speaking things could be described as 'grim' financially, she maintained her role as treasurer when we enjoyed the blessings of the EA funding – a role that the EA moderator was shocked was undertaken by a volunteer. Receiving e-mails from Fiona at 6am was not unusual. Fiona has been the cornerstone of the GBYFC Board and her absence will be hugely felt. Before we let her go we will have the "pleasure" of hearing Fiona's treasurers report one last time, but before she does this I just want to publicly thank Fiona for her years of service, and trust that God will continue to bless you in whatever you decide to do next!!

With Fiona having stepped down from the Board, GBYFC would really benefit from someone with the skills in managing our finances and being willing to take on this role, the but please don't feel this is the only role that is required within the Board. If you are enthusiastic, full of ideas (they don't even always have to be good) and have a desire and passion for the young people of the town then please speak to myself or any of the Board members and we would happily chat to you more about what is involved in being a Board member.

In conclusion, as a Board and staff team we are entering in to a new season of the work with further change ahead, we covet and welcome your, practical, prayerful and financial support. We trust that God will continue to use the work of Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ in the lives of every single young person that our staff and volunteers come in to contact with.

Alan Blackwell

GBYFC Chairperson

Greater Ballyclare Youth for Christ

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102290

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report

Year Ended 31 March 2023

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

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

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**Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ended 31 March 2023**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland which is one of the listed bodies.

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



Alan Thomson
75 Lynda Meadows, Newtownabbey, BT37 0AT

Date: 14/06/2023