

# Bloomfield Community Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102448

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-07-15

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** Bloomfield Community Association is established to advance education, promote and advance community development, relieve poverty, hardship, sickness and the aged and to promote the benefit and wellbeing of the community resident in the Bloomfield area and its environs of Bangor, Co Down without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality ethnic identity, political or religious opinion, by associating the statutory authorities, community and voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation, with the object of fostering a community spirit and improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular. a) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called 'the centre') and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the association in furtherance of the above objects; b) to support community development and wellbeing activities and to work with partners to support community cohesion, the promotion of adequate housing conditions and the development of a sustainable community. c) to promote community safety through the support and development of the appropriate programmes and projects which aim to address crime and anti-social behaviour. d) to promote or assist in promoting community capacity building programmes and projects for the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of benefit who have need of such assistance as a result of their youth, age, disability or infirmity, or social and economic circumstances, in an effort to increase the abilities, skills and self confidence of such inhabitants in the area of benefit; e) to relieve poverty by the promotion, facilitation and organisation of adequate, accessible and quality programmes of vocational and educational training, information and support in an effort to acquire skills and retraining to assist beneficiaries in obtaining employment. f) to advance any other exclusively charitable purpose as the committee, may from time to time, decide in accordance with the law of charity.

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

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Community development, Relief of poverty, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, Community safety/crime prevention, General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,065	£1,983	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barbara Garrett		
Barbara Stewart		
John Hammond		
Mr Robert Turner		

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# Accounts

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**BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025**

	Income			Expenditure
<b>Opening Bank Balance at 1 April 2024</b>		<b>4963.72</b>		
<b><u>Grants</u></b>			<b><u>Running Costs</u></b>	
ANDBC Community Development Grant 24 - 25 (advance)	1183.79		Water Charges	798.18
ANDBC Grant	811.65		Phone & Internet	714.05
NDCN Room Hire	70.00		Insurance	403.70
			Bank Fees	67.52
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2065.44</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1983.45</b>
			<b>Closing Bank Balance at 31st March 2025</b>	<b>5045.71</b>

Prepared by North Down Community Network from the information supplied by BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
We have found that this statement is an accurate reflection of the financial position of the Association @ 31/03/2025. An Audit has not been carried out.

Signed: *Nawa Killigbeck*  
Independent Examiner For and on behalf of  
North Down Community Network

Dated: 25th May 2025

Signed: *R. T. [Signature]*  
Bloomfield Community Association

Dated: 25th May 2025

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<b><u>Grants</u></b>			<b><u>Running Costs</u></b>
ANDBC Community Festival Fund Grant 22 - 23 (balance)	188.29		Community Activities / Events
ANDBC Community Development Grant 23 - 24 (advance)	1347.64		Electric & Heating
			Phone & Internet
			Admin Cost
			Bank Fees
			Misc Costs
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1535.93</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>
			<b>3997.09</b>
			<b>Closing Bank Balance at 31st March 2024</b>
			<b>4963.72</b>

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# Annual report

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**Bloomfield Community Association**  
**Trustees Report – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**  
**Charity No: 102448**

**Group Public Benefits**

At Bloomfield Community Association, our mission brings direct benefits to the community by enhancing living standards, health, and overall well-being in the following ways:

- **Information Access:** We keep residents informed about our activities which are designed to improve connection, mental, physical, and social well-being.
- **Community Engagement:** We foster connections among residents through events and activities, creating a stronger, happier community.
- **Feedback & Success:** We listen to residents through community surveys and feedback forms, helping us meet their needs and improve life in the area.

The beneficiaries are primarily Bloomfield Estate residents and its surrounding areas. Another key benefit comes from the Community House, offering a safe space for social and recreational activities. This leads to social, physical, and economic improvements.

- **121 Support & Signposting:** We assist residents in accessing vital information and support on housing, benefits and safety.
- **Multi-agency Forums:** We represent residents and participate in strategic forums, to try to improve services and support for housing, welfare reform and disability.

Our efforts are focused on the community with no harm from our purposes. Trustees may partake in activities if needed, but this is the only private benefit.

**Trustee board during this reporting period:**

Isobelle Hamilton  
Robert Turner  
Darren Adams  
William McCrea

**Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Please see the financial report and independent examination of accounts for full details. Our assets equate to approximately £1,000 to include laptops, furniture and office equipment.

**Activities this year:**

This year was a very difficult one for our small group of volunteers, who experienced unexpected bereavement and their own health issues, so we could not deliver as many activities as we usually would. However, we continued to do what we could, in difficult circumstances, to try to improve the lives of those living in Bloomfield estate and its surrounding areas.

Unfortunately, we could no longer run a regular weekly seniors' group due to our members' deteriorating health, including sadly some passing away, but we did ensure that we checked in on our remaining members and provided essential support to isolated and vulnerable seniors in the community, signposting them for emergency and specialist support, especially during the winter months.

Thanks to support from North Down Community Network, we were able to deliver a new programme of activities for adults with learning disabilities who attend the Ravara Day Centre and

Balloo Day Centre. Through this programme, we created a safe, non- judgemental space for those often isolated and vulnerable members of society to build social connections, take part in fun activities and integrate with their local community, and activities including singing, chair yoga, ukelele and arts and crafts. From our experience, adults with learning disabilities continue to be neglected; especially with their extra vulnerabilities, and this is set to continue with under resourcing in the Day Centres and wider sector. We will therefore continue to use our position to advocate for better.

This year, we continued to advocate for better for the community, especially for improved access to housing, benefits, and education, and represented residents on Forums such as the Housing Community Network, campaigning for better services within the area. We also continued to refer residents on low income to one-to-one support to ensure they had the knowledge and tools needed to live a better quality of life.

With so many challenges this year, it has been more vital for our small charity to work collaboratively, and we are thankful to all of the organisations who supported us to continue our work.

Approved by the Trustees on 6th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Turner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Robert Turner**  
**Treasurer, Bloomfield Community Association**

**Bloomfield Community Association**

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Bloomfield Community Association**

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

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 62 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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

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

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

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination of the accounts of the **Bloomfield Community Association** and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission NI, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

I do understand that a few receipts are missing to the value of approximately £400, but I am satisfied that these expenditures went towards gas / electric costs for the running costs for the Community House.

*Maeve Killingbeck*

**Maeve Killingbeck – Independent Examiner**

**For and on behalf of North Down Community Network**

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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<u><b>Grants</b></u>		
ANDBC Community Development Grant 22 - 23	1280.00	2661.29
NIHE Grant for Christmas Project	1150.00	620.00
ANDBC Community Festival Fund Grant 22 - 23	800.00	252.33
NDCN - DICE Project	675.00	584.88
Bryson Scheme Cost of Living	600.00	741.95
ANDBC Grant	400.00	194.06
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4905.00</b>	<b>5142.21</b>
		<b>7424.88</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance at 31st March 2023</b>

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Signed: Naava Killingsback  
Independent Examiner For and on behalf of  
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Signed: R. T. [Signature]  
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Bloomfield Community Association had another busy year continuing to try to improve the lives of those living in Bloomfield Estate and its surrounding areas.

Our weekly seniors' group was able to launch properly again, and it was encouraging to see regulars and new members joining us for vital friendship and routine. As well as providing a comfortable, warm space, we delivered a programme of activities designed to reduce their sense of loneliness and support better mental health and well-being including magic workshops, music lessons, chair-based yoga, arts and crafts and a Christmas dinner.

Thanks to our efforts, the Community House was extended in recent years, meaning it is now accessible for people with disabilities. This year, we re-launched our valuable work with adults with learning disabilities, delivering a new programme of activities for those who attend the Ravara Day

Centre and Balloo Day Centre. Through this programme, we created a safe, non- judgemental space for those often isolated and vulnerable members of society to build social connections, take part in fun activities and integrate with their local community. Adults with learning disabilities have had another particularly disruptive year; especially with their extra vulnerabilities, and this is set to continue with under resourcing in the Day Centres and wider sector. We will therefore continue to use our position to advocate for better.

Our advocacy and lobbying work have been even more vital due to the additional challenges that the pandemic and cost of living crisis has brought, especially with regards to housing, benefits, education and accessibility, and we have continued to offer 121 support to residents, as well as represent them on Forums such as the Housing Community Network, campaigning for better services within the area. We also continue to refer residents on low income in for practical and financial support, to the likes of Bangor Food Bank for emergency food parcels and St Vincent de Paul for emergency gas and electric top-ups. We see this type of support continuing well into the future with food and energy bills continuing to rise.

We were delighted to be able to run a small Jubilee celebration and inter-generational Christmas event last year, which increased community participation and spirit, and brought lightness to what remains a difficult period of time for many.

It has been more important than ever for our small charity to work collaboratively, and we are particularly thankful to organisations such as North Down Community Network for their support.

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**Maeve Killingbeck – Independent Examiner**

**For and on behalf of North Down Community Network**

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Supported by: