

# Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102526

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-10-13

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

## Contact

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BT35 8TN

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** 3.1 To provide year-round sports training and opportunities for competition for people with learning disabilities; giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. 3.2 To assist people with learning disabilities to participate as productive and respected members of society at large by providing social and leisure opportunities for them and by helping to increase the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs.

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

**How the charity works:** Community development, Disability, Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), Learning disabilities, Mental health, Parents, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-30 | £21,530 | £17,701     | £0     | 0         |

## Trustees

| Name                  | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|------|-----------|
| Catherine Helen Mckee |      |           |
| Mr Christopher Cooke  |      |           |
| Mr James Byrne        |      |           |
| Mr James Fox          |      |           |
| Mrs Esther King       |      |           |

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# Accounts

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.**  
**NIC: 102526**

|                                         | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total</u>    | <u>Total</u>    |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                         | <u>£</u>          | <u>£</u>            | <u>2025</u>     | <u>2024</u>     |
|                                         |                   |                     | <u>£</u>        | <u>£</u>        |
| <b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>                  |                   |                     |                 |                 |
| Sponsorship                             |                   | 2250.00             | 2250.00         | 2500.00         |
| Athletes Subscriptions                  |                   | 3751.12             | 3751.12         | 4655.79         |
| Fundraising Activities                  |                   | 2695.74             | 2695.74         | 2945.25         |
| Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland |                   |                     |                 | 8450.00         |
| Stafford Trust.                         |                   |                     |                 | 5000.00         |
| TBF Thompson Trust                      |                   |                     |                 | 1500.00         |
| Brian Conlon Foundation                 | 3386.00           |                     | 3386.00         | 3060.00         |
| Garfield Weston Foundation              | 2500.00           |                     | 2500.00         | 2500.00         |
| Dansk Bank Employees Charity Group      | 3862.00           |                     | 3862.00         |                 |
| Ulster Bank Community Staff Charity     | 586.00            |                     | 586.00          |                 |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council    | 1500.00           |                     | 1500.00         |                 |
| The Hedley Foundation                   | 1000.00           |                     | 1000.00         |                 |
| <b>TOTALS RECEIPTS</b>                  | <b>12834.00</b>   | <b>8696.86</b>      | <b>21530.86</b> | <b>30611.04</b> |



**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.**  
**NIC: 102526**

**PAYMENTS**

|                                              | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total</u>    | <u>Total</u>    |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                              | <u>£</u>          | <u>£</u>            | <u>2024</u>     | <u>2023</u>     |
|                                              |                   |                     | <u>£</u>        | <u>£</u>        |
| Equipment & Kit                              | 4037.68           | 1033.00             | 5070.68         | 9783.16         |
| Insurance                                    |                   | 970.00              | 970.00          | 1466.00         |
| Minibus Running Expenses                     |                   | 1289.79             | 1289.79         | 1786.75         |
| Venue Hire                                   | 8402.40           |                     | 8402.40         | 9535.24         |
| Coach & Bus Hire.                            |                   |                     |                 | 500.00          |
| Training Courses.                            |                   |                     |                 | 400.00          |
| Accommodation.                               |                   | 901.36              | 901.36          |                 |
| Food                                         |                   | 391.60              | 391.60          | 517.38          |
| Special Olympics Ulster Fees                 |                   | 676.00              | 676.00          | 2255.00         |
| Stationery & Postage.                        |                   |                     |                 | 26.32           |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS.</b>                       | <b>12440.08</b>   | <b>5261.75</b>      | <b>17701.83</b> | <b>26269.85</b> |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit) this year end.</b>      | <b>393.92</b>     | <b>3435.11</b>      | <b>3829.03</b>  | <b>4341.19</b>  |
| <b>Bank Opening Balances. 1st Sept 2024.</b> | <b>14591.77</b>   | <b>7087.18</b>      | <b>21678.95</b> | <b>17337.76</b> |
| <b>Bank Closing Balances. 31 Aug 2025.</b>   | <b>14985.69</b>   | <b>10522.29</b>     | <b>25507.98</b> | <b>21678.95</b> |

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.**  
**NIC: 102526**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year 01/09/2024 -31/08/2025.

| <u>Funds Reconciliation</u>     | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total 2025</u> | <u>Total 2024</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Opening Bank Balance            | 14591.77          | 7087.18             | 21678.95          | 17337.76          |
| Surplus (Deficit) this year end | 393.92            | 3435.11             | 3829.03           | 4341.19           |
| Closing Bank Balance.           | 14985.69          | 10522.29            | 25507.98          | 21678.95          |

Other Assets

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Equipment and Kit | 15456.00 |
| Minibus           | 10188.00 |

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| 25644.00 |
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The above accounts have been prepared according to the books and information independently examined

Signed:

Date:

*Brian Black*

*10/12/2025*

**Brian Black**  
**Company Director**

## **1 Basis of Preparation**

These accounts are produced on a Receipts and Payments basis

## **2. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses**

Trustees received no remuneration for their services as trustees and no trustees were employed by the charity

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# Accounts

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Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club  
Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.  
NIC: 102526

|                                  | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  | <u>£</u>          | <u>£</u>            | <u>2024</u>  | <u>2023</u>  |
|                                  |                   |                     | <u>£</u>     | <u>£</u>     |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                  |                   |                     |              |              |
| Sponsorship                      |                   | 2500.00             | 2500.00      | 3000.00      |
| Athletes Subscriptions.          |                   | 4655.79             | 4655.79      | 4580.42      |
| Fundraising Activities           |                   | 2945.25             | 2945.25      | 3720.64      |
| Halifax Foundation.              | 8450.00           |                     | 8450.00      | 6420.00      |
| Stafford Trust.                  | 5000.00           |                     | 5000.00      |              |
| TBF Thompson Trust.              | 1500.00           |                     | 1500.00      |              |
| Brian Conlon Foundation          | 3060.00           |                     | 3060.00      | 2448.00      |
| Garfield Weston Foundation       | 2500.00           |                     | 2500.00      | 2500.00      |
| Ulster Garden Villages           |                   |                     |              | 5000.00      |
| Groundwork / Boost Charity       |                   |                     |              | 500.00       |
| Ulster Bank Staff Charity.       |                   |                     |              | 2000.00      |
| Newry & Mourne District Council. |                   |                     |              | 1500.00      |

**TOTALS RECEIPTS**

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 20510.00 | 10101.04 | 30611.04 | 31669.06 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|

**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**  
**NIC: 102526**

| <b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>                       | <b><u>Restricted</u></b> | <b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                              | <b><u>£</u></b>          | <b><u>£</u></b>            | <b><u>2024</u></b>  | <b><u>2023</u></b>  |
|                                              |                          |                            | <b><u>£</u></b>     | <b><u>£</u></b>     |
| Equipment & Kit                              | 9345.25                  | 437.91                     | 9783.16             | 18424.58            |
| Insurance                                    |                          | 1466.00                    | 1466.00             | 1425.64             |
| Minibus Running Expenses                     |                          | 1786.75                    | 1786.75             | 1945.26             |
| Venue Hire                                   | 9535.24                  |                            | 9535.24             | 7222.61             |
| Coach & Bus Hire.                            |                          | 500.00                     | 500.00              | 470.00              |
| Training Courses.                            |                          | 400.00                     | 400.00              | 1023.00             |
| Accommodation.                               |                          |                            |                     | 1821.20             |
| Food                                         |                          | 517.38                     | 517.38              | 893.36              |
| Special Olympics Ulster Fees                 |                          | 2255.00                    | 2255.00             |                     |
| Stationery & Postage.                        |                          | 26.32                      | 26.32               |                     |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS.</b>                       | <b>18880.49</b>          | <b>7389.36</b>             | <b>26269.85</b>     | <b>33225.65</b>     |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit) this year end.</b>      | <b>1629.51</b>           | <b>2711.68</b>             | <b>4341.19</b>      | <b>-1556.59</b>     |
| <b>Bank Opening Balances. 1st Sept 2023.</b> | <b>12962.26</b>          | <b>4375.50</b>             | <b>17337.76</b>     | <b>18894.35</b>     |
| <b>Bank Closing Balances. 31 Aug 2024.</b>   | <b>14591.77</b>          | <b>7087.18</b>             | <b>21678.95</b>     | <b>17337.76</b>     |



**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102526

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# Annual report

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**Registered Address:**

5 Liska Villas  
Newry  
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Northern Ireland  
BT35 8TN



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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**  
**NIC: 102526**

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**  
**NIC: 102526**

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**Charity Name:** Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club

**Charity Registration Number:** NIC: 102526

**Registered Office:** 5 Liska Villas  
Newry  
Co Down  
BT35 8TN

**Trustees**

The following served as charity trustees during the year and up to the date of this report

Christopher Cooke (Chairperson)  
James Byrne (Vice Chairperson)  
Esther King (Secretary)  
Helen McKee (Treasurer)  
James Fox

**Bankers:** Ulster Bank  
11-16 Donegal Square East  
Belfast  
BT1 5UB

### **Objectives and Activities:**

Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club objectives are:-

To promote Special Olympics as an athlete-centered movement, in which athletes with intellectual disabilities are the central focus of each training, competition or events, and in which athletes are provided meaningful opportunities to participate in additional activities that support Special Olympics programming;

To develop the physical, social, psychological, intellectual and spiritual qualities and capabilities of each athlete;

To promote the spirit of sportsmanship and a love of participation in sports for its own sake, by stressing and celebrating the importance of, and the personal achievement associated with, each athlete's participation and personal effort in Special Olympics, regardless of that athlete's comparative level of ability or the results of a particular competition; encourage athletes to reach their highest level of athletic achievement in a particular sport, by providing opportunities for them to do so and by helping their coaches and families provide them with increased support and encouragement and increase public awareness of the needs and capabilities of persons with intellectual disabilities and increasing public support for Special Olympics.

Our club provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in aquatics, bowling, floorball, kayaking, open water swimming and stand-up paddle boarding for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Our club operates within the Newry and Mourne area. Coaching activities leads to inclusive sports competition at the Special Olympic Games providing all athletes of all abilities with opportunities to compete and progress at local, regional, national and international levels competing at the Special Olympics World Games if they qualify which is a four year cycle.

We encourage athletes to compete and participate for the fun of it, rather than focus on winning. Some of our athletes chose not to take part in the competitions and train and participate in our range of sports on a recreational basis. Our club currently has 81 members with intellectual disabilities - Down's syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), learning disabilities and physical disabilities (Cerebral Palsy). This is made up of 57 members aged eight to twenty five and 24 members aged over twenty six. Athletes are supported by 33 volunteers and coaches.

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**Newry City AFC Special Olympic Club**  
**Trustees Report – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**  
**NIC: 102526**

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2024 presented new challenges for our club and our athletes with intellectual disabilities.

The closure of the swimming pool at Newry Leisure Centre left our members who participate in aquatics without a place to train. We had a few sessions in Kilkeel Leisure Centre but were unable to secure a block booking there. We also had a few sessions in Camlough Lake but this was not ideal as some of our novice members are not experienced enough to train in open waters.

This presented our club with a new set of challenges. Some of our athletes had regressed both physically and mentally from the period of inactivity.

Some of our coaches and volunteers encouraged our aquatics members to try different sports. We were able to secure funding from some generous charities that enabled us to purchase extra equipment allowing us to introduce floorball, bowling and football to new members.

We have been fortunate that we were able to secure numerous sources of funding which has enabled us to purchase new equipment and upgrade existing equipment. The funding also gave us the ability to pre-book facilities in the knowledge that we had the funds in place to meet these commitments.

One of the highlights of our year was our Floorball team qualifying to represent Ulster at the Ireland Games and finishing in a very commendable silver medal position.

Thankfully our club is thriving at the minute and our athlete, coaches and volunteers all committed to a happy and successful future.

#### **Financial Review**

Total receipts this year was £30,611.04 compared to £31,669.06 the previous year.

Total Expenditure this year was £26,269.85 compared to £33,225.65 the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Christopher Cooke (Chairperson)

**Newry City AFC Special Olympic Club**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102526

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# Annual return

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club.**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club.**

**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**

**NIC: 102526**

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Supporting report on the accounts of Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, which are set out on pages 7-9.

**Respected Responsibilities of 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 65 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedure laid down in the generation directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

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

My examination included a review of the accounts 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 a charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any materials 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 the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

**Name:** Mr Gerard Martin

**Occupation:** Company Financial Controller.

**Address:** 62 Scarva Road, Banbridge, Co Down. BT32 3QD,

Signed:

Date:

*Gerard Martin*

*10 March 2025*

*GM*

Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club  
Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.  
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|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  | <u>£</u>          | <u>£</u>            | <u>2024</u>  | <u>2023</u>  |
|                                  |                   |                     | <u>£</u>     | <u>£</u>     |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                  |                   |                     |              |              |
| Sponsorship                      |                   | 2500.00             | 2500.00      | 3000.00      |
| Athletes Subscriptions.          |                   | 4655.79             | 4655.79      | 4580.42      |
| Fundraising Activities           |                   | 2945.25             | 2945.25      | 3720.64      |
| Halifax Foundation.              | 8450.00           |                     | 8450.00      | 6420.00      |
| Stafford Trust.                  | 5000.00           |                     | 5000.00      |              |
| TBF Thompson Trust.              | 1500.00           |                     | 1500.00      |              |
| Brian Conlon Foundation          | 3060.00           |                     | 3060.00      | 2448.00      |
| Garfield Weston Foundation       | 2500.00           |                     | 2500.00      | 2500.00      |
| Ulster Garden Villages           |                   |                     |              | 5000.00      |
| Groundwork / Boost Charity       |                   |                     |              | 500.00       |
| Ulster Bank Staff Charity.       |                   |                     |              | 2000.00      |
| Newry & Mourne District Council. |                   |                     |              | 1500.00      |

**TOTALS RECEIPTS**

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 20510.00 | 10101.04 | 30611.04 | 31669.06 |
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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**  
**NIC: 102526**

| <b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>                       | <b><u>Restricted</u></b> | <b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                              | <b><u>£</u></b>          | <b><u>£</u></b>            | <b><u>2024</u></b>  | <b><u>2023</u></b>  |
|                                              |                          |                            | <b><u>£</u></b>     | <b><u>£</u></b>     |
| Equipment & Kit                              | 9345.25                  | 437.91                     | 9783.16             | 18424.58            |
| Insurance                                    |                          | 1466.00                    | 1466.00             | 1425.64             |
| Minibus Running Expenses                     |                          | 1786.75                    | 1786.75             | 1945.26             |
| Venue Hire                                   | 9535.24                  |                            | 9535.24             | 7222.61             |
| Coach & Bus Hire.                            |                          | 500.00                     | 500.00              | 470.00              |
| Training Courses.                            |                          | 400.00                     | 400.00              | 1023.00             |
| Accommodation.                               |                          |                            |                     | 1821.20             |
| Food                                         |                          | 517.38                     | 517.38              | 893.36              |
| Special Olympics Ulster Fees                 |                          | 2255.00                    | 2255.00             |                     |
| Stationery & Postage.                        |                          | 26.32                      | 26.32               |                     |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS.</b>                       | <b>18880.49</b>          | <b>7389.36</b>             | <b>26269.85</b>     | <b>33225.65</b>     |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit) this year end.</b>      | <b>1629.51</b>           | <b>2711.68</b>             | <b>4341.19</b>      | <b>-1556.59</b>     |
| <b>Bank Opening Balances. 1st Sept 2023.</b> | <b>12962.26</b>          | <b>4375.50</b>             | <b>17337.76</b>     | <b>18894.35</b>     |
| <b>Bank Closing Balances. 31 Aug 2024.</b>   | <b>14591.77</b>          | <b>7087.18</b>             | <b>21678.95</b>     | <b>17337.76</b>     |





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# Accounts

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club.****Statement Of Receipts & Payments for the Year 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023****NIC: 102526**

|                                       | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total</u><br><u>2023</u> | <u>Total</u><br><u>2022</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                       | £                 | £                   | £                           | £                           |
| <b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>                |                   |                     |                             |                             |
| Sponsorship                           |                   | 3000.00             | 3000.00                     |                             |
| Athletes Subscriptions.               |                   | 4580.42             | 4580.42                     | 1929.00                     |
| Fundraising Activities                |                   | 3720.64             | 3720.64                     |                             |
| Halifax Foundation.                   | 6420.00           |                     | 6420.00                     |                             |
| Ulster Bank Staff Charity.            | 2000.00           |                     | 2000.00                     |                             |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council. | 1500.00           |                     | 1500.00                     | 5000.00                     |
| Brian Conlon Foundation               | 2448.00           |                     | 2448.00                     | 2250.00                     |
| Garfield Weston Foundation            | 2500.00           |                     | 2500.00                     |                             |
| Ulster Garden Villages                | 5000.00           |                     | 5000.00                     |                             |
| Groundwork / Boost Charity            |                   | 500.00              | 500.00                      | 2000.00                     |
| Special Olympics Ulster               |                   |                     |                             | 2100.00                     |
| Arnold Clark Foundation               |                   |                     |                             | 2000.00                     |
| NIE Networks                          |                   |                     |                             | 1000.00                     |
| Sylvia Waddilove Foundation           |                   |                     |                             | 1000.00                     |
| CFNI Sports Funding                   |                   |                     |                             | 1000.00                     |
| Matthew Wrightson Foundation          |                   |                     |                             | 500.00                      |
| Danske Bank Employees Fund            |                   |                     |                             | 2500.00                     |

**TOTALS RECEIPTS**

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 19868.00 | 11801.06 | 31669.06 | 21279.00 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|

**PAYMENTS**

|                          |          |         |          |         |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Equipment & Kit          | 17310.29 | 1114.29 | 18424.58 | 8114.31 |
| Insurance                |          | 1425.64 | 1425.64  | 675.00  |
| Minibus Running Expenses |          | 1945.26 | 1945.26  | 652.16  |
| Venue Hire               | 7222.61  |         | 7222.61  | 4099.20 |
| Coach & Bus Hire.        |          | 470.00  | 470.00   | 250.00  |
| Training Courses.        |          | 1023.00 | 1023.00  | 500.00  |
| Accommodation.           |          | 1821.20 | 1821.20  | 772.69  |
| Food                     |          | 893.36  | 893.36   |         |
| Advertising & Postage.   |          |         |          | 24.99   |

**TOTAL PAYMENTS.**

|          |         |          |          |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 24532.90 | 8692.75 | 33225.65 | 15088.35 |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|

|                                 |          |         |          |         |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Surplus(Deficit) this year end. | -4664.90 | 3108.31 | -1556.59 | 6190.65 |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|

|                                       |          |         |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Bank Opening Balances. 1st Sept 2022. | 17627.16 | 1267.19 | 18894.35 | 12703.70 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|

|                                      |          |         |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Bank Closing Balances . 31 Aug 2023. | 12962.26 | 4375.50 | 17337.76 | 18894.35 |
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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102526

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# Annual report

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**Registered Address:**

5 Liska Villas  
Newry  
Co Down  
Northern Ireland  
BT35 8TN

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**  
**NIC: 102526**

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**Charity Name:** Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club

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**Trustees**

The following served as charity trustees during the year and up to the date of this report

Chris Cooke (Chairperson)  
Esther King (Secretary)  
Helen McKee (Treasurer)  
James Fox

**Bankers:** Ulster Bank  
11-16 Donegal Square East  
Belfast  
BT1 5UB



### **Objectives and Activities:**

Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club objectives are:-

To promote Special Olympics as an athlete-centered movement, in which athletes with intellectual disabilities are the central focus of each training, competition or events, and in which athletes are provided meaningful opportunities to participate in additional activities that support Special Olympics programming;

To develop the physical, social, psychological, intellectual and spiritual qualities and capabilities of each athlete;

To promote the spirit of sportsmanship and a love of participation in sports for its own sake, by stressing and celebrating the importance of, and the personal achievement associated with, each athlete's participation and personal effort in Special Olympics, regardless of that athlete's comparative level of ability or the results of a particular competition; encourage athletes to reach their highest level of athletic achievement in a particular sport, by providing opportunities for them to do so and by helping their coaches and families provide them with increased support and encouragement and increase public awareness of the needs and capabilities of persons with intellectual disabilities and increasing public support for Special Olympics.

Our club provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in aquatics, bowling, floorball, kayaking, open water swimming and stand-up paddle boarding for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Our club operates within the Newry and Mourne area. Coaching activities leads to inclusive sports competition at the Special Olympic Games providing all athletes of all abilities with opportunities to compete and progress at local, regional, national and international levels competing at the Special Olympics World Games if they qualify which is a four year cycle.

We encourage athletes to compete and participate for the fun of it, rather than focus on winning. Some of our athletes chose not to take part in the competitions and train and participate in our range of sports on a recreational basis. Our club currently has 81 members with intellectual disabilities - Down's syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), learning disabilities and physical disabilities (Cerebral Palsy). This is made up of 69 members aged eight to twenty five and 12 members aged over twenty six. Athletes are supported by 33 volunteers and coaches.

Covid-19 presented huge challenges for athletes with intellectual disabilities. During the different lockdowns athletes have not been able to actively participate in their regular sporting and physical activities.

The aftermath of Covid-19 presented our club with a new set of challenges. Some of our athletes had regressed both physically and mentally from the period of inactivity. Others were slow to return to the club for a variety of different reasons.

Some of our coaches and volunteers had become accustomed to different routines during the lockdown. In some cases there was a reluctance to get involved again and in other cases changes of careers and probably priorities caused some of our volunteers and coaches not to return at all.

We have been fortunate that we were able to secure numerous sources of funding which has enabled us to purchase new equipment and upgrade existing equipment. The new funding also gave us the ability to pre-book facilities in the knowledge that we had the funds in place to meet these commitments.

So it was a rebuilding process, one which is still continuing but thankfully our club is thriving at the minute and our athlete, coaches and volunteers all committed to a happy and successful future.

#### **Financial Review**

Total receipts this year was £31,669.06 compared to £21,279.00 the previous year.

Total Expenditure this year was £33,225.65 compared to 15,088.35 the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and signed on their behalf by

*Esther King.*     21/11/2023

Esther King (Secretary)

**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102526

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# Annual return

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club.**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club.**  
**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**  
**NIC: 102526**

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Supporting report on the accounts of Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, which are set out on pages 7-9.

**Respected Responsibilities of 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 65 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedure laid down in the generation directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65 (9) of the Charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

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

My examination included a review of the accounts 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 a charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any materials 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 the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

**Name:** Mr Gerard Martin

**Occupation:** Company Financial Controller.

**Address:** 62 Scarva Road, Banbridge, Co Down. BT32 3QD,

Signed: *Gerard Martin* Date: *17<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**  
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|                                       | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | <u>£</u>          | <u>£</u>            | <u>2023</u>  | <u>2022</u>  |
|                                       |                   |                     | <u>£</u>     | <u>£</u>     |
| <b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>                |                   |                     |              |              |
| Sponsorship                           |                   | 3000.00             | 3000.00      |              |
| Athletes Subscriptions.               |                   | 4580.42             | 4580.42      | 1929.00      |
| Fundraising Activities                |                   | 3720.64             | 3720.64      |              |
| Halifax Foundation.                   | 6420.00           |                     | 6420.00      |              |
| Ulster Bank Staff Charity.            | 2000.00           |                     | 2000.00      |              |
| Newry Mourne & Down District Council. | 1500.00           |                     | 1500.00      | 5000.00      |
| Brian Conlon Foundation               | 2448.00           |                     | 2448.00      | 2250.00      |
| Garfield Weston Foundation            | 2500.00           |                     | 2500.00      |              |
| Ulster Garden Villages                | 5000.00           |                     | 5000.00      |              |
| Groundwork / Boost Charity            |                   | 500.00              | 500.00       | 2000.00      |
| Special Olympics Ulster               |                   |                     |              | 2100.00      |
| Arnold Clark Foundation               |                   |                     |              | 2000.00      |
| NIE Networks                          |                   |                     |              | 1000.00      |
| Sylvia Waddilove Foundation           |                   |                     |              | 1000.00      |
| CFNI Sports Funding                   |                   |                     |              | 1000.00      |
| Matthew Wrightson Foundation          |                   |                     |              | 500.00       |
| Danske Bank Employees Fund            |                   |                     |              | 2500.00      |

**TOTALS RECEIPTS**

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 19868.00 | 11801.06 | 31669.06 | 21279.00 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|

**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**  
**NIC: 102526**

**PAYMENTS**

|                          | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          | <u>£</u>          | <u>£</u>            | <u>2023</u>  | <u>2022</u>  |
|                          |                   |                     | <u>£</u>     | <u>£</u>     |
| Equipment & Kit          | 17310.29          | 1114.29             | 18424.58     | 8114.31      |
| Insurance                |                   | 1425.64             | 1425.64      | 675.00       |
| Minibus Running Expenses |                   | 1945.26             | 1945.26      | 652.16       |
| Venue Hire               | 7222.61           |                     | 7222.61      | 4099.20      |
| Coach & Bus Hire.        |                   | 470.00              | 470.00       | 250.00       |
| Training Courses.        |                   | 1023.00             | 1023.00      | 500.00       |
| Accommodation.           |                   | 1821.20             | 1821.20      | 772.69       |
| Food                     |                   | 893.36              | 893.36       |              |
| Advertising & Postage.   |                   |                     |              | 24.99        |

**TOTAL PAYMENTS.**

|          |         |          |          |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 24532.90 | 8692.75 | 33225.65 | 15088.35 |
|----------|---------|----------|----------|

Surplus (Deficit) this year end. -4664.90 3108.31 -1556.59 6190.65

Bank Opening Balances. 1st Sept 2022. 17627.16 1267.19 18894.35 12703.70

Bank Closing Balances. 31 Aug 2023. 12962.26 4375.50 17337.76 18894.35

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year 01/09/2022 -31/08/2023**

| <u>Funds Reconciliation</u>     | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Total 2023</u> | <u>Total 2022</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Opening Bank Balance            | 17627.16          | 1267.19             | 18894.35          | 12703.70          |
| Surplus (Deficit) this year end | -4664.90          | 3108.31             | -1556.59          | 6190.65           |
| Closing Bank Balance.           | 12962.26          | 4375.50             | 17337.76          | 18894.35          |

**Other Assets**

Equipment and Kit 4122.29  
Minibus 13188.00

17310.29

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**Newry City Afc Special Olympic Club**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities – Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.**  
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The above accounts have been prepared according to the books and information independently examined

Signed: *Gerard Martin.*

Gerard Martin  
Company Financial Controller

Date *17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.*

#### **1 Basis of Preparation**

These accounts are produced on a Receipts and Payments basis

#### **2. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses**

Trustees received no remuneration for their services as trustees and no trustees were employed by the charity