



Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

For the year to 30th September 2024

NI Charity Commission Registration number: NIC 102589

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Gort na Mona Sports Association Annual Report

For over two decades, Gort na Mona Sports Association has been a proud pillar of community life—offering opportunities in sport, education, training, and wellness. We exist to support local individuals and families through accessible facilities, meaningful programmes, and vibrant partnerships.

Our Mission

To enhance physical, social, and economic wellbeing through sport, skills development, and community outreach—ensuring no one is left behind.

Activities & Achievements

Trusted Stewards of Community Land

We hold lands and buildings acquired through government grants in trust for the community. These are listed as accruals and deferred income in our accounts until 2024, when the accrual period concludes. These assets form the backbone of our charitable infrastructure.

Inclusive Community Provision

We manage and maintain high-quality recreational facilities that support:

- Organised sports and games
- Lifestyle and coaching support
- Structured training and employability programmes

Local Partnerships

Our grounds and services are actively used by partners including:

- Holy Trinity Primary School & Youth Club
- Bunscoil na Mona
- Gort na Mona GAC, LGFA & Camogie Clubs
- Antrim GAA Board
- Upper Springfield Development Trust

Exploring New Adult Initiatives

We've begun consultation and feasibility studies for a "Men's Shed" initiative, aiming to develop adult-focused activities such as:

- Walking trails
 - Social and wellness programmes
- These proven models offer vital connection, routine, and support—especially for older men and isolated individuals.

Digital Engagement

We maintain an active social media profile through a number of platforms. We see great potential in expanding our online reach and welcome ideas for development.

Financial Overview

- Over 80 generous members contribute £10 per month via standing orders.

- Fundraising and donations grew slightly this year, reducing our operating deficit.
- Our largest expenses remain the care of the grass and artificial pitch and changing rooms, including:
 - Repairs
 - Heating & Lighting
 - Support for sports participation
 - Equipment

Our annual accounts and detailed financial breakdown can be found separate attachment. These investments are central to delivering on our charitable aims.

Governance & Membership

- We currently have 182 registered members, with numbers growing through casual membership year-round.
- Trustee Board: 9 dedicated individuals
 - Secretary: S. Corr
- Meetings:
 - Monthly member meetings
 - Twice-yearly trustee meetings
 - Annual General Meeting

Our charity is also a registered limited company with Companies House.

Measuring Our Impact

We continue to meet our core objectives through:

- Physical and community infrastructure
- Sports and education outreach
- Skills and employability programmes

The development of a Men's Shed programme would further enhance our impact, offering new avenues for adult social connection and personal growth.

Summary of Services

- Sports ground maintenance and development
- Community training and skills programmes
- Employment support services
- Organised and inclusive activities
- Free access to facilities for local partners

We remain deeply committed to growing our provision and strengthening partnerships—ensuring everyone in our community has access to opportunity and support.

This report was approved and adopted by the Trustee Board on 14th September 2024.

Signed:

Seamus Corr

Charity & Company Secretary.

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Trustees of Gort na Mona Sports Association, 30th September 2024

Mr Seamus Corr

Michael Keenan

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Terry Reilly

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Ciaran O'Brolchain

Sean Mc Shane

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1 The Charity's objects ("the Objects") are:

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Turf Lodge and surrounding areas ("the area of benefit"), without distinction of sex, race, political, religious or other opinions by:-

(i) the advancement of education by, in particular for the long-term unemployment, the provision of training in occupational skills and work experience for periods in each case not exceeding (except in exceptional circumstances) 2 years; and

(ii) the provisions of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

(b) To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

In furtherance of the Objects but not otherwise the Charity may exercise the following powers:

to collect, co-ordinate and make available (by publication or any form of communication) information on all matters relating to the Objects and work of the Charity (whether for payment or otherwise);

to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills, cheques and other instruments, and to operate bank accounts in the name of the Charity;

to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions (including but not limited to levies subscriptions, donations and bequests) for the Objects provided that in raising funds the Charity shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant statutory regulations;

to issue appeals, hold public meetings and take such other steps as may be required for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Charity in the shape of donations, subscriptions or otherwise;

to seek, receive, administer and allocate grants and gifts made available to the Charity for its aforesaid objects under the terms and conditions attached to such grants and gifts;

to purchase, take on lease, take in fee farm or in exchange hire or otherwise acquire and hold for any estate or interest whatsoever any real or personal property and any rights or privileges of any kind necessary or convenient for the purposes of or in connection with the Company's business or any branch or department thereof and in particular any land, buildings, easements, concessions, vehicles, ships, machinery, plant and stock-in-trade.

to erect and construct buildings or works of every description on any land of the Company, upon any other land or property and to pull down, rebuild, enlarge, alter, and improve existing buildings or works thereon to convert and appropriate any such land into and for roads, streets, squares and pleasure grounds and generally to deal with and improve the property of the Company.

to undertake and direct the management of the property, buildings and lands.

to acquire, alter, improve and (subject to such consents as may be required by law) to charge or otherwise dispose of property;

to provide and equip premises and centres required for the purposes of the Charity;

to invest the moneys of the Charity not immediately required for the Objects in or upon such investments, securities, or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject as hereinafter provided;

to sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Charity;

to transfer (whether or not for valuable consideration) any part of the property or assets of the Charity not required for the purposes for which it is formed to any charitable body having similar objects to those of the Charity provided that such body is not carrying on business for profit or gain and does not distribute its income or property by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise amongst members;

to employ all such staff, who shall not be directors of the Charity (hereinafter referred to as "the trustees"), as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the Objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to staff and their dependants;

to promote or concur in promoting any other company, the promotion of which will in any way benefit or advance the interests of the Charity, and to underwrite, subscribe for or place any shares or securities of any such company;

to act as a trustee of any company whether a subsidiary or associated company or otherwise;

to establish, support or aid any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the Objects;

to co-operate and enter into arrangements with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities (national, local or otherwise) operating in furtherance of the Objects or similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them;

to federate or amalgamate with or become affiliated to any charitable body whose objects are similar to or complement in any way the Objects and to acquire and undertake all or any part of the assets, liabilities and engagements of any such body which the Charity may lawfully acquire.

to payout of the funds of the Charity the costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the formation and registration of the Charity;

to raise funds for the objects of the Charity by public subscription and appeals.

to lend money and give credit to, to take security for such loans or credit from, and to guarantee and become or give security for the performance of contracts and obligations by, any charitable company, institution, society or club;

to insure and arrange insurance cover for, and to indemnify its officers, servants and voluntary workers and those of its members from and against, all such risks incurred in the course of the performance of their duties as may be thought fit;

subject to the provisions of clause 5 to pay reasonable annual sums or premiums for or towards the provision of pensions for officers or servants for the time being of the Company or their dependants;

to do such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the Objects.

The income and property of the Charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects and no part shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit, to members of the Charity, and no trustee shall be appointed to any office of the Charity paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Charity, provided that nothing in this document shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Charity:

of the usual professional charges for business done by any trustee who is a solicitor, accountant or other person engaged in a profession, or by any partner of his or hers, when instructed by the Charity to act in a professional capacity on its behalf: provided that at no time shall a majority of the trustees benefit under this provision and that a trustee shall withdraw from any meeting at which his or her appointment or remuneration, or that of his or her partner, is under discussion;

of reasonable and proper remuneration for any services rendered to the Charity by any member, officer or servant of the Charity who is not a trustee (or any spouse, partner, child or other close relative of such trustee);

of interest on money lent by any member of the Charity or trustee at a reasonable and proper rate per annum not exceeding 2 per cent. less than the published base lending rate of a clearing bank to be selected by the trustees;

of fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which a trustee may also be a member holding not more than 1/100th part of the issued capital of that company;

of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Company or a trustee;

to any trustee of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses