

Disabled Christians Fellowship of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102596

Details

Known as	Disabled Christian Fellowship/DCFI
Status	Received
Registered	2015-07-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: 1. To advance the Christian religion in accordance with the doctrinal basis set out in the Schedule hereto, particularly amongst people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities. 2. To work for the relief of such people regardless of race or religion.

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

How the charity works: Religious activities, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Men, Older people, Physical disabilities, Sensory disabilities, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,057	£6,176	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David Watson		
Mr George Moore		
Mrs Beverly Annett		
Mrs Marie Nesbitt		

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Accounts

Disabled Christian's Fellowship Ireland

GENERAL ACCOUNT 2024

BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2024 51081

INCOME:

GIFT 50

TRANSFER FROM HH ACCOUNT 250

TOTAL INCOME 300

INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE 51381

EXPENDITURE:

TO HOLIDAY HOME 500

DCFI INSURANCE 855

RECORDINGS 2183

GIFTS 158

PAYMENTS 250

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 3946

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE (CLOSING BALANCE) 47435

REPRESENTED BY:

BANK AS AT 31/12/2024 47435

HOLIDAY HOME ACCOUNT 2024

BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2024 50984

INCOME:

INTEREST 247

TRANSFER 500

BANGOR WW MISS ORG. 10

TOTAL INCOME 757

INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE 51741

EXPENDITURE:

BANK FEES 80

PAYMENTS 1900

TRANSFER 250

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2230

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE (CLOSING BALANCE)

49511

REPRESENTED BY:

BANK AS AT 31/12/2024 49511

Certified a True and Accurate records of the accounts 31 December 2024

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31 December 2024

ASSETS £96946 (combined reconciled Bank Balances) General and Holiday Home Accounts

£48141 (combined) Branches consolidated funds.

Liabilities NIL

Certified a True and Accurate records of the assets and liabilities 31 December 2024

Treasurer B Annett

Trustee D Watson

Disabled Christian's Fellowship Ireland.

BRANCHES CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS 2024

£

COMBINED BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2024 53,372

INCOME:

Offerings 6603

Stall 291

Donations 2032

Bank Interest 189

COMBINED INCOME 9115

COMBINED INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE 62,487

EXPENDITURE:

Calendars 180

Donations 2174

Gifts 100

Rallies 5235

Catering 3419

Bible Notes 400

Holiday 1000

Outing 502

Bank Fees 268

Expenses 25

COMBINED EXPENDITURE 13,303

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE 49,184

REPRESENTED BY:

BRANCHES COMBINED BANK BALANCES AS AT 31/12/2024 49,184

SIGNED; D Watson

TREASURER: B Annett

DATED: 31/03/2025

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Accounts

Disabled Christian's Fellowship Ireland

GENERAL ACCOUNT 2023

BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2023 50652

INCOME:

Gift 125

GIFTS - in lieu of flowers 100

In Memoriam 5600

Branch Closures:

Newcastle 337

Armagh 497

Portadown 160 994

AMAZON 19

TOTAL INCOME 6838

INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE 57490

EXPENDITURE:

DCFI INSURANCE 815

RECORDINGS 3216

GIFTS 2128

PAYMENTS 250

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 6409

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE (CLOSING BALANCE) 51081

REPRESENTED BY:

BANK AS AT 31/12/2023 51081

HOLIDAY HOME ACCOUNT 2023

BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2023 51549

INCOME:

INTEREST 250

TOTAL INCOME 250

INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE 51799

EXPENDITURE:

BANK FEES 65

PAYMENTS 750

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 815

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE (CLOSING BALANCE) 50984

REPRESENTED BY:

BANK AS AT 31/12/2023 50984

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31 December 2023

ASSETS £102,065 (combined reconciled Bank Balances)

Liabilities NIL

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Treasurer

Trustee

Disabled Christians Fellowship of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102596

Annual report

Disabled Christians' Fellowship Ireland

Trustees Annual Report

Period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Trustees Annual Report

Charity – Disabled Christians Fellowship Ireland also known as DCFI.

NI charity reference – 102596

Principal address – 6 Kinallen Court, Kinallen, Dromara, BT25 2DX.

Introduction

Registered as a charity on 15th July 2015, this, fourth report of the trustees of DCFI covers the period **1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023**.

Structure, objects and Trustees

DCFI is a trust established under a deed dated 7th January 2004. Under the Deed of Trust there is provision for a General Committee made up of at least 3 serving trustees and non-trustee members nominated by each of the active branches. The General Committee appoints a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and meets in January, May and September each year.

During the period of this report, after very difficult previous year, the following Branches have closed: Newcastle and Armagh. Any funds remaining in their Bank accounts have been transferred to the General Account centrally in line with procedures. The Trustees and General Committee are aware that five other Branches, who previously expressed their concerns at being able to recommence meetings are planning, after prayerful consideration, to wind down their Branches in early 2024. These closures have been the result of the lasting impact of Covid 19 and the lack of new younger committee members to take over the work. At the end of 2023 the following Branches are still open although not all of them have been holding their usual monthly rallies. The following is a list of Branches at the end of 2023: Ballyclare, Ballymena, Bangor, Belfast South, Dungannon, Enniskillen, Foyle, Larne, Lisburn, Lurgan, Mid-Ulster, Newtownabbey and Omagh, .

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Purpose 2: - To work for the relief of such people regardless of race or religion.

These purposes are being advanced by means of our monthly member rallies which are attended by a range of persons with various forms and or degrees of disability.

Under the Deed of Trust there shall be not more than 10 and not less than 4 trustees, new trustees shall be appointed by the existing trustees. During the period of this report the following persons served as trustees:

Beverly Annett, Wesley Barr, Marie Nesbit, David Watson.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have regard to the Commission's public benefit requirement, none of the trustees receive remuneration. The main activity takes place under the auspices of the monthly member rallies during the period September to June each year and across all our branches we estimate several hundred members attend although numbers have been severely impacted by COVID 19 . Some branches also arrange outings or if possible help arrange respite for some of their members. We also value the contribution of our volunteer helpers without whom our branches could not function.

A key commitment of DCFI is to facilitate members taking respite/holidays by providing financial assistance towards the cost of transport e.g., taxi fares or other relevant out of pocket expenses. This financial assistance has been made possible by means of a 'legacy fund'. A small number of members availed of this assistance in 2023.

Financial Review

It is encouraging to report that DCFI does not carry any deficits in its accounts. At the end of December 2023, the balances in the charity's accounts were as follows:

General Account --. £51,081

Legacy Account --. £50,984

Signed: Beverly Annett

Signed: David Watson

Dated: 22/03/2024

Disabled Christians Fellowship of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102596

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'Disabled Christians Fellowship Ireland Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 01 to 02.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: Mrs Heidi Lucas

Signed copy held in our records

Relevant Professional Qualification: Senior Bank Official

Address: 11 Manse Road Kilkeel

Date: 31 March 2024

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Disabled Christian's Fellowship Ireland

GENERAL ACCOUNT 2022

BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2022 50541

INCOME:

Gift 110

GIFTS - in lieu of flowers 750

Branch Closures:

Saintfield 650

Colerane 800

Portadown 328 1778

Gospel Cards 50

Gift Dungannon Branch 50

AMAZON 5

Transfer 2900

TOTAL INCOME 5643

INCOME PLUS OPENING BALANCE 56184

EXPENDITURE:

DCFI INSURANCE 791

RECORDINGS 3691

ROY RAINEY (Tape Ministry) 300

PAYMENTS 750

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 5532

INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE (CLOSING BALANCE) 50652

REPRESENTED BY:

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During the period of this report the 17 branches in Northern Ireland have not held their usual monthly rallies due to COVID-19 restrictions. Under normal circumstances the branches meet at the following areas: Armagh, Ballyclare, Ballymena, Bangor, Belfast South, Coleraine, Dungannon, Enniskillen, Foyle, Larne, Lisburn, Mid-Ulster, Newcastle, Newtownabbey, Omagh, Portadown and Saintfield.

The Branch committees had expressed their concerns in 2021 in their ability to recommence the DCFI meetings in 2022. This was largely due to several changes due to the impact of Covid on the Committee in each branch, the members, and the ongoing impact of COVID to social gatherings. It was anticipated that some Branches may not recommence as a result.

At the end of 2022 three Branches had decided not to meet again. Portadown, Coleraine and Saintfield closed. The future of the remaining Branches is still under discussion within the various committees and the Trustees and it is likely that other Branches will close in 2023.

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Financial Review

It is encouraging to report that DCFI does not carry any deficits in its accounts. At the end of December 2022, the balances in the charity's accounts were as follows:

General Account --. £50,652

Legacy Account --. £51,548

Signed: Beverly Annett

Signed: David Watson

Dated: 28/10/2022

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