

Good Morning everyone,

It gives me great pleasure to present this report and reflect on the past year in Sandy Row.

Thank you

First and foremost, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the communities who have supported us throughout the year. Your encouragement and participation remind us why we do what we do, and it continues to inspire our efforts to make Sandy Row a better place for all.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers—the heart of our organisation. Your time, dedication, and hard work are invaluable, and we truly appreciate every effort you have given to support our programmes and events.

A special word of thanks must also go to our committee, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, guiding and supporting our activities with commitment and care.

Together, we are making strides in improving the quality of life in Sandy Row. While there is always more to be done, I am proud of what we have achieved so far, and I am confident that, with continued support, we can build on these successes for the future.

Thank you all once again for your dedication and belief in our shared vision.

Memberships and Partnerships

SRRA is an active partnership organisation which enhances our ability to serve the community effectively. The SRRA would like to give thanks for the opportunity of working with these organisations.

These memberships include:

- Housing Community Network
- Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)
- GVRT
- Forward South
- BSCR

Community Events and Activities

SRRA offers a wide range of activities at our centre to meet the needs of all age groups and special needs requirements. Some of our key initiatives include:

- Forward South Partnership: attending strategic working groups, and we continue to support their efforts in managing pain and improving quality of life.
- Seasonal Activities: Throughout the year, SRRA has provided free seasonal activities such as Halloween, Christmas, and Easter events to help families during cost-of-living pressures.

- Housing Clinic/ One to one We have offered housing clinics to address tenant issues, provided benefits and fuel poverty advice, and signposted clients to our community partners where relevant.
- Educational Classes: We have continued to build the capacity of our community through the provision of educational classes, getting young people and adults to attend classes that BSCR lead on.
- NIHE Panels Participation: SRRA actively participates in NIHE panels such as the Housing Community Network and advocates for local NIHE tenants through this membership. Our most recent nutrition project was highlighted at the NIHE community conference as a successful cohesion project.
- Worked closely with other stakeholders to implement community improvement projects such as Translink.

Financial Review

As a voluntary organization, LCF relies on the dedication and generosity of our volunteers and supporters. Our financial resources are managed prudently to ensure maximum impact.

Detailed financial statements are provided in the attached appendix.

I want to thank NIHE, Fairshare, and Belfast City Council for their financial support and funding. Their contributions have been vital in allowing us to deliver projects and services that directly benefit the Sandy Row community. Their support has enabled us to deliver important projects and services that have made a real difference to our local community. Without this backing, much of our work simply would not be possible.

I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of local supporters, and the time and effort of our volunteers and committee members, which has helped us to achieve so much while keeping costs low.

Future Plans

- Continue addressing resident concerns with increased efficiency.
- Expand our engagement activities to reach more residents.
- Strengthen our partnerships with statutory agencies and other stakeholders.
- Explore new opportunities for community development and improvement.
- Analyse the responses from the latest community survey and formulate a community
- Create an action plan

Conclusion

The trustees of Sandy Row Residents group are immensely proud of the progress made over the past year. We remain committed to our mission of serving the community and look forward to continuing our work in the coming year.

JOANNE HOY
Chair person