

BELFAST/Drumbeg/St.Patrick/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102638

Details

Known as Drumbeg Parish Church

Status Received

Registered 2015-03-25

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

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Activities

Purposes: The principal function is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting through the work of the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help is fundamental to the practical delivery of the tenets of Christianity. As a result of activity in pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, the Parish has custody of a large body of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural heritage, the maintenance of which is undertaken by the Parish as a secondary charitable purpose.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£234,410	£289,629	£0	2
2024-12-31	£223,997	£223,055	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Brian Dean Mb., Bch., Dch., Mrcgp		
Miss Nicola Wadsworth		
Mr Bill Miscampbell		
Mr Gordon Poots		
Mr Michael Barnett		
Mr Peter Love		
Mr Raymond Kerr		
Mr Robert Dunlop		
Mr Roland Brown		
Mr Ryan Roberts		
Mrs Barbara Farris		
Mrs Barbara Hamill		
Mrs Lore Ferris		
Mrs Sandra Abbott		
Mrs Stephanie Morrow		
Ms Wendy Kidd		

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmentt Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
Income & endowments from:						
Donations & legacies	2	173,325	5,000		178,325	174,204
Charitable activities	3		44,409		44,409	30,937
income from Investments	4	6,679	1,902	96	8,676	10,326
Total Income		180,004	51,311	96	231,410	215,467
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	5	179,072	0	0	179,072	192,118
Charitable activities		0	44,109	0	44,109	30,937
Total Expenditure		179,072	44,109	0	223,181	223,055
Net gains on trading		932	7,202	96	8,229	(7,588)
Non recurring item	6	(66,448)	0	0	(66,448)	0
Net gains on investments	7	14,038	1,346	0	15,384	8,530
Net Income		(51,478)	8,548	96	(42,835)	942
Net movement in funds		(51,478)	8,548	96	(42,835)	942
Reconciliation of funds:						
Funds brought forward		778,804	266,736	2,087	1,047,627	1,046,685
Funds carried forward		727,326	275,284	2,183	1,004,792	1,047,627

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	737,683	670,784
Investments	9	193,316	317,932
Total fixed assets		<u>930,999</u>	<u>988,716</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and on hand	10	109,609	75,895
Prepayments & sundry debtors	11	2,265	756
		<u>111,874</u>	<u>76,651</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors due within one year	13	- 38,081	- 17,740
Net Assets		<u>1,004,792</u>	<u>1,047,627</u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds	12	2,183	2,087
Restricted income funds	12	275,284	266,736
Unrestricted funds	12	727,326	778,804
		<u>1,004,792</u>	<u>1,047,627</u>

Hon Secretary

Hon Treasurer

10th March 2026

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2 Donations & Legacies

	2025			Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
Freewill offerings	109,304			109,304	114,225
Gift aid	28,818	5,000		33,818	27,476
Donations	7,825			7,825	3,580
Harvest appeal	-			-	-
Graveyard collections	9,975			9,975	10,774
Use of Hall	12,505			12,505	12,604
Conacre & Wayleave Rent	506			506	506
The Coop: Electric Contribution	1,651			1,651	2,073
Advertising Church Magazine	580			580	2,430
Bequests	-			-	300
Other Income	2,160			2,160	236
	<u>173,325</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,325</u>	<u>174,204</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	2025			Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
Funds raised by specific events for specific purposes		44,409		44,409	30,937

4 Income from Investments

	2025			Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
Bank Interest	769			769	780
Dept of Communities income			96	96	88
Church of Ireland Trustees income		716		716	665
Representative Church Body: Income	5,910	1,186		7,096	8,793
Income capitalised				-	-
	<u>6,679</u>	<u>1,902</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>8,676</u>	<u>10,326</u>

5 Raising funds

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Employment costs:					
Wages and salaries	61,539			61,539	72,048
Social security costs	-			-	1,576
Pension contributions	1,530			1,530	10,749
Diocesan help	5,822			5,822	370
Organist	3,120			3,120	1,020
Charitable payments	600	44,109		44,709	33,337
Graveyard costs	10,512			10,512	11,859
Diocesan office	13,884			13,884	13,750
Maintenance	23,716			23,716	19,695
Rent re Curate	7,200			7,200	8,640
Heat & light	10,000			10,000	14,984
Insurance	3,075			3,075	4,319
Recrory Rates	6,347			6,347	-
Water Rates	943			943	853
Postage	88			88	219
Printing & stationery	2,471			2,471	1,398
Cleaning	566			566	731
Advertising	-			-	-
Sundry expenses	388			388	626
Bowling club expenses	645			645	-
Professional Fees	1,500			1,500	1,935
Training	-			-	-
Accountancy fees	1,280			1,280	1,080
Bank Fees	416			416	188
Organisations	316			316	1,298
Catering	602			602	628
Travel Expenses	-			-	86
Mobile phone	89			89	-
Subscriptions	2,860			2,860	3,656
Depreciation	19,564			19,564	18,010
	179,072	44,109	-	223,181	223,055

6 Non recurring Item

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Rectory renovation costs	66,448			66,448	-

7 Net Gains(Losses) on Investments

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Realised gains(losses)and unrealised gains (losses)on making investments to market at the balance sheet date	14,038	1,346	-	15,384	8,530

8 Fixed Assets					Total	
Cost	Buildings	Tractor	Equipment	Total	Total	
Balance at 31 December 2024	673,346	4,368	112,768	790,482	787,388	
Additions 2025	76,064	1,700	8,699	86,463	3,114	
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>749,410</u>	<u>6,068</u>	<u>121,467</u>	<u>876,945</u>	<u>790,482</u>	
Depreciation						
Balance at 31 December 2024	52,513	4,368	62,817	119,698	101,688	
Charge for the period	7,494	340	11,730	19,564	18,010	
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>60,007</u>	<u>4,708</u>	<u>74,547</u>	<u>139,262</u>	<u>119,698</u>	
Balance at 31 December 2025	689,403	1,360	46,920	737,683	670,784	
9 Investments					2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
RCB capital reserve					166,925	292,193
Church of Ireland Trustees					26,391	25,739
					<u>193,316</u>	<u>317,932</u>
The Church receives income as administrative trustees from 2 Investments held by the Department for Communities						
10 Cash at bank and on hand					2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
No 1 account					60,489	25,703
No 2 account					5,512	5,993
No 3 account					11,036	15,809
No 4 account					20,035	15,349
Bus Reserve account					10,908	10,787
Bowling Club					1,191	1,872
Bowling Club Cash in hand					137	82
Petty cash float					300	300
					<u>109,609</u>	<u>75,895</u>
11 Prepayments & Sundry Debtors					2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
Rates					455	
Insurance					1,810	
Accrued Interest						756
					<u>2,265</u>	<u>756</u>
12 Retained Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds	
Balance at 31 December 2024	778,804	266,736	2,087	1,047,627	1,046,685	
Net Movement in Funds 2025	(51,478)	8,548	96	(42,835)	942	
Balance at 31 December 2025	<u>727,326</u>	<u>275,284</u>	<u>2,183</u>	<u>1,004,792</u>	<u>1,047,627</u>	

13 Creditors

	2025 Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
Charity Creditors	20,035	15,349
Accruals	16,507	1,000
BB & GB	1,539	1,391
	<u>38,081</u>	<u>17,740</u>

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
Income & endowments from:						
Donations & legacies	2	174,204			174,204	182,416
Charitable activities	3		30,937		30,937	40,489
Income from Investments	4	8,396	1,842	88	10,326	9,530
Total Income		<u>182,600</u>	<u>32,779</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>215,467</u>	<u>232,435</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	5	192,118			192,118	200,484
Charitable activities			30,937		30,937	40,489
Total Expenditure		<u>192,118</u>	<u>30,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,055</u>	<u>240,973</u>
Net gains on trading		(9,518)	1,842	88	(7,588)	(8,538)
Net gains on investments	6	5,732	2,798		8,530	9,175
Net Income		<u>(3,786)</u>	<u>4,640</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>637</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(3,786)</u>	<u>4,640</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>942</u>	<u>637</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Funds brought forward		782,590	262,096	1,999	1,046,685	1,046,048
Funds carried forward		<u>778,804</u>	<u>266,736</u>	<u>2,087</u>	<u>1,047,627</u>	<u>1,046,685</u>

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	670,784	685,680
Investments	8	317,932	309,402
Total fixed assets		<u>988,716</u>	<u>995,082</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and on hand	9	75,895	63,934
Accrued Interest		756	-
		<u>76,651</u>	<u>63,934</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors due within one year	11	(17,740)	(12,331)
Net Assets		<u>1,047,627</u>	<u>1,046,685</u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		2,087	1,999
Restricted income funds		266,736	262,096
Unrestricted funds		778,804	782,590
		<u>1,047,627</u>	<u>1,046,685</u>

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2 Donations & Legacies

	2024				2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Freewill offerings	114,225			114,225	109,724
Gift aid	27,476			27,476	31,499
Donations	3,580			3,580	5,931
Harvest appeal	-			-	7,320
Graveyard collections	10,774			10,774	7,785
Use of Hall	12,604			12,604	8,813
Conacre & Wayleave Rent	506			506	505
The Coop: Electric Contribution	2,073			2,073	817
Advertising Church Magazine	2,430			2,430	-
Bequests	300			300	2,000
Other Income	236			236	8,022
	<u>174,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,204</u>	<u>182,416</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	2,024				2,023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Funds raised by specific events for specific purposes		30,937		30,937	40,489

4 Income from Investments

	2,024				2,023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Bank Interest	780			780	626
Dept of Communities income			88	88	87
Church of Ireland Trustees income		665		665	656
Representative Church Body: Income	7,616	1,177		8,793	4,410
Income capitalised				-	3,752
	<u>8,396</u>	<u>1,842</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>10,326</u>	<u>9,531</u>

5 Raising funds

	2,024				2,023
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Employment costs:					
Wages and salaries	72,418			72,418	80,989
Social security costs	1,576			1,576	447
Pension contributions	10,749			10,749	12,377
Organist	1,020			1,020	1,130
Charitable payments	2,400	30,937		33,337	49,799
Graveyard costs	11,859			11,859	9,602
Diocesan office	13,750			13,750	12,922
Maintenance	19,695			19,695	21,005
Rent re Curate	8,640			8,640	1,974
Heat & light	14,984			14,984	16,311
Insurance	4,319			4,319	3,673
Water Rates	853			853	751
Postage	219			219	406
Printing & stationery	1,398			1,398	2,075
Cleaning	731			731	1,616
Internet Costs	771			771	908
Advertising	-			-	102
Sundry expenses	626			626	340
Bowling club expenses				-	69
Professional Fees	1,935			1,935	-
Training	-			-	155
Accountancy fees	1,080			1,080	900
Bank Fees	188			188	204
Organisations	1,298			1,298	1,218
Catering	628			628	1,680
Travel Expenses	86			86	351
Subscriptions	2,885			2,885	1,741
Depreciation	18,010			18,010	18,228
	<u>192,118</u>	<u>30,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,055</u>	<u>240,973</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Endowmentt Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
Income & endowments from:						
Donations & legacies	2	182416			182416	158819
Charitable activities	3		40489		40489	51925
income from Investments	4	7701	1742	87	9530	8752
Total Income		190117	42231	87	232435	219496
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds	5	200484			200484	197053
Charitable activities			40489		40489	51925
Total Expenditure		200484	40489	0	240973	248978
Net gains on trading		(10,367)	1,742	87	(8,538)	(29,482)
Net gains on investments	6	7255	1920		9175	(24,130)
Net Income		(3,112)	3,662	87	637	(53,612)
Net movement in funds		(3,112)	3662	87	637	(53,612)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Funds brought forward		785702	258434	1912	1046048	1097685
Funds carried forward		782590	262096	1999	1046685	1044073

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	685680	697316
Investments	8	309402	296475
Total fixed assets		<u>995082</u>	<u>993791</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and on hand	9	63934	76929
Current liabilities			
Creditors due withi one year	11	(12,331)	(24,672)
Net Assets		<u>1046685</u>	<u>1046048</u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		1999	1912
Restricted income funds		262096	258434
Unrestricted funds		782590	785702
		<u>1046685</u>	<u>1046048</u>

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2 Donations & Legacies

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Freewill offerings	109724			109724	109196
Gift aid	31499			31499	24426
Donations	5931			5931	2810
Harvest appeal	7320			7320	25
Graveyard collections	7785			7785	6400
Use of Hall	8813			8813	8134
Conacre & Wayleave Rent	505			505	511
The Coop: Electric Contribution	817			817	1080
Bequests	2000			2000	0
Other Income	8022			8022	6237
	<u>182416</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>182416</u>	<u>158819</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Funds raised by specific events fo specific purposes		40489		40489	51925

4 Income from Investments

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Bank Interest	626			626	301
Dept of Communities income			87	87	90
Church of Ireland Trustees income		656		656	723
Representative Church Body: Income	3324	1086		4410	1039
Income capitalised	3752			3752	6598
	<u>7701</u>	<u>1742</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>9531</u>	<u>8751</u>

5 Raising funds

	2023				2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Employment costs:					
Wages and salaries	74029			74029	60492
Social security costs	447			447	405
Pension contributions	12377			12377	10358
Organist	1130			1130	1307
Charitable payments	9310	40489		49799	66305
Graveyard costs	9602			9602	5400
Diocesan office	12922			12922	12876
Maintenance	28145			28145	37170
Rent re Curate	1974			1974	0
Heat & light	16311			16311	17647
Insurance	3673			3673	3476
Water Rates	751			751	859
Postage	406			406	515
Printing & stationery	2075			2075	2682
Cleaning	1436			1436	690
Internet Costs	908			908	921
Advertising	102			102	0
Sundry expenses	340			340	2749
Bowling club expenses	69			69	
Training	155			155	1194
Accountancy fees	900			900	900
Bank Fees	204			204	165
Organisations	1218			1218	1634
Catering	1680			1680	1388
Travel Expenses	351			351	240
Subscriptions	1741			1741	1694
Depreciation	18228			18228	17912
	<u>200484</u>	<u>40489</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>240973</u>	<u>248978</u>

6	Net Gains(Losses) on Investments					
		2023				2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Realised gains(losses)and unrealised gains (losses)on making investments to market at the balance sheet date	7255	1920		9175	(24,130)
7	Fixed Assets					
	Cost	Buildings	Tractor	Equipment	Total	
	Balance at 31 December 2022	673346	4368	103062	780776	
	Additions 2023			6592	6592	
	Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>673346</u>	<u>4368</u>	<u>109654</u>	<u>787368</u>	
	Depreciation					
	Balance at 31 December 2022	39047	3838	40575	83460	
	Charge for the period	6733	530	10965	18228	
	Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>45780</u>	<u>4368</u>	<u>51540</u>	<u>101688</u>	
	Balance at 31 December 2023	627566	0	58114	685680	
8	Investments					
		2023				2022
	RCB capital reserve	285925				274038
	Church of Ireland Trustees	23477				22437
		<u>309402</u>				<u>296475</u>
	The Church receives income as administrative trustees from 2 Investments held by the Department for Communities					
9	Cash at bank and on hand					
		2023				2022
	No 1 account	16738				11972
	No 2 account	6984				8087
	No 3 account	17019				22458
	No 4 account	10315				21613
	Bus Reserve account	10651				10524
	Bowling Club	1845				1824
	Bowling Club Cash in hand	82				151
	Petty cash float	300				300
		<u>63934</u>				<u>76929</u>
10	Retained Funds					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2023	2022
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Balance at 31 December 2022	785702	258434	1912	1046048	1097685
	Net Movement in Funds 2023	(3,112)	3662	87	637	-53612
	Bowling Bank Account					1975
	Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>782590</u>	<u>262096</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1046685</u>	<u>1046048</u>
11	Creditors					
		2023				2022
	Charity Creditors	10315				21613
	Allen Fleming	1000				1000
	BB & GB	1016				2059
		<u>12331</u>				<u>24672</u>

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Annual report

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for the Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Chairman's Report

1. Structure Governance and Management:

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2023 was a busy year in the life of the Parish as we moved on from the restraints of Covid19. Numbers attending Church services have held up, with a slight increase on 2022. During 2023 we increased the staff team by employing a Curate Assistant to oversee the work with our JAM Sunday School, to help with the work of youth and children's ministry and to augment the pastoral work in the Parish alongside Rev'd William Nixon and Miss Marion Wilcox our Parish Lay Reader (Marion is a volunteer staff member). It was necessary to bring Rev'd Timothy Eldon (Curate Assistant) into the staff team to take on some of the responsibilities held by our Family Worker Rachel Pascu who resigned in September 2023 due to her husband's work relocating them to Hollywood. Rev'd Timothy Eldon is a useful addition to the staff team. We note with thanks the huge contributions made to the Parish by Mrs Rachel Pascu and want to wish her and her family every blessing in their new roles in Hollywood Parish.

In 2023 we also changed some of the roles of those who help with the upkeep of the grounds and with the general cleaning roles around the various parish buildings. Mr David Dodds, a contractor, has been given a 'greater' role in the upkeep of groundworks which has meant an increase in his monthly charges and Mr Mark McNeice has ceased to be a contractor and is now employed by the Parish in the role of the general Church and Halls Cleaner, with a further role in helping to set up and tidy up after events.

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The Parish Health and Safety Committee (H&S), established in 2017, has continued to be a busy group in the Parish and meets regularly. Updates of their meetings are recorded in the Vestry minutes. The H&S Committee members have changed due to the death of Mr Hugh Crookshanks and the resignations of Mr Michael Barnett and Mrs Susan Boreham. The new Health and Safety Committee was reconstituted by the Select Vestry in September 2023. Its new membership is as follows: Mr Leo Rossi (Chair), Mr Raymond Kerr, Mr Brian Dean and Rev'd William Nixon. We are thankful for the work of all who have served on this committee and to those who have taken on new roles in 2023. They deserve sincere thanks for their continued efforts to ensure that all aspects of Church life continue in as safe a manner as possible. Annual PAT Tests of Electrical appliances are carried out and Risk Assessments are both prepared and checked for all the activities in the Parish. The Select Vestry are careful to ensure that safety is high on the agenda. Under the direction of the Parish Health and Safety Committee all activities, groups and congregations in the Parish are subject to carrying out biennial fire drills and evacuations. On the death of Mr Crookshanks, Mr Mike Barnett and Mr Raymond Kerr have taken over the joint role looking after the repair of the Parish Graveyard and the associated record keeping.

3. Achievements and Performance:

In 2023 we continued to seek to fulfil our commitments to international and local missional and humanitarian projects. To this end we have raised over £42000 for charitable purposes. This is to be commended and is a wonderful testimony to the hard work and generosity of all involved.

Our ministry objectives of making disciples of all ages and teaching the Bible continues to be facilitated through our new fortnightly Life Groups, where groups of 8-10 people meet in various homes around the Parish for Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship support. There are now 63 people attached to a Life Group and we have six well established groups. We have also reinstated our Sunday Evening services with two traditional and two contemporary services each month. The SOAK evening service on the fourth Sunday evening is proving a valuable tool in helping to grow and encourage discipleship and has seen an encouraging group of around 25 people attending.

Children and young families are very well looked after through JAM (Sunday School) and Messy Church. Our Little Lambs, mother/father and toddler group has grown well in 2023 and is now

looked after by a team of volunteers after the departure of our Family Worker. We are grateful to Mabel Quinn, Phylis Long, Ruth Miscampbell, Alexandra McClung and Daphne Dunlop for their support in running this group.

The Boys Brigade (BB) Company and the Girls Brigade (GB) companies both continue to grow. James Cochrane leads the BB and we are pleased that Sarah Price has taken over the Officer's role in the GB. She is ably supported by a group of volunteers. All of our Children's and Youth work was well looked after and overseen by Rachel Pascu, but is now overseen jointly by Rev'd William S Nixon and Rev'd Timothy Eldon. Mark Trimble now takes responsibility for the Youth Ministry alongside Rev'd Timothy Eldon and Miss Clare Woods; our new youth initiative in the Parish which is called 'Identify'..

The annual prayer weekend was very well supported on the 2nd weekend of June 2023 and this year it was led by an international SOMA Mission Team; this was a blessing to us all.

Global Mission relations continued to be well supported in the Parish with the good news that the school at Nyapeya, Northern Uganda has now been fenced in using funds raised in the Parish and with the help of a kind donor to Fields of Life, the charity with whom we partner in the project at Nyapeya School. We were also pleased to donate over £4000 to the work of Habitat for Humanity through the Rector's Christmas Sit-Out. We look forward to being able to support CMS Ireland and the Archdiocese of Alexandria (Egypt) through a school's project in 2024.

We have continued to financially support the outreach work at Dundrum Community Church both financially and in terms of resourcing the leadership there through my line management of Mr Colin Morris. We are pleased to discover that by the Summer of 2023, the project at Dundrum has become self-sufficient. The Select Vestry have since taken the decision to stop their financial support of Dundrum, but the Rector will continue to have some oversight of the project until mid-2024.

We also continue to help to resource St Andrew's Ballyhalbert through oversight of their Select Vestry, the provision of Parish Lay Readers to Sunday cover for holidays and sickness and through my line-management of Mr Raymond McClure, the lay Parish Worker, on behalf of the Diocese of Down and Dromore. This missional relationship has again proved to be a growing and encouraging congregation. In 2023 Mr McClure was moved from a part-time position to a fulltime position at Ballyhalbert and is now working in a joint parish and diocesan project called Ards Connect. Through financial help of a number of supporters in the Parish at Drumbeg, the Diocese and other granting bodies this ministry is now fully funded.

We are pleased to have hosted two services, followed by food, for the migrant and refugee communities of the greater Belfast area. Both services saw over 140 attending. We are grateful to Peter Samir of SIM and to Mr Nigel Quinn for their tireless help in organising these important events in the Church calendar, where we were able to be a voice of welcome and inclusion to those who live on the margins of our society.

Pastoral care has continued to be a focus for the Parish. This is delivered through the Rector, the Lay Reader (Miss Marion Wilcox) and now Rev'd Timothy Eldon (September 2023). The Parish

has a wonderful spirit of pastoral care which continues to happen through the friendships and fellowship groups of the Parish. Our Coffee Stop, Art Club, Bowling Club and Heavenly Crafts groups are vital to the life of the parish in providing friendship, fellowship and company for those who live alone. We also began a fellowship group called 'Chums and Crumbs' in 2023 which has been a wonderful source of friendship and companionship in the Parish. Thank you to all the leaders of this various groups and for how each of the activities of the Parish allow us to keep a focus on the community around us.

4. Chairman's Financial Review:

As with many in the Faith and Charity sector there is always a need to keep an eye on income and outgoings. Thankfully our income from FWO's and Standing Orders held their own in 2023, but we have set up a new Parish Finance Committee whose task it is to work with the Treasurer to ensure good governance, to watch costs and to seek to raise further funds for the work of the Parish. Increases in salary costs means we need to encourage our Parishioners to greater generosity. This will be address in the Spring of 2024 through a Stewardship Campaign using the diocesan Generosity Project. Our Treasurer, Mr William Miscampbell, has worked hard to provide the Select Vestry with monthly financial reports accompanied by all the necessary information to allow them as Trustees to keep abreast of the finances. All Select Vestry (Trustees Meetings) in 2023 were able to take place in-person.

The Rectory received a new shower room in 2023 as part of our ongoing updates of the glebe properties, a fence was put up at the COOP Coffee Van to ensure safety for all users and the Parish Halls and two rooms at the Rectory were painted/redecorated. This is important work as we are responsible for the good upkeep of the glebe.

The Treasurer was supported in his endeavours by a team of two, Mr Hugh Crookshanks and Mr Gordon Poots. On the passing of Mr Crookshanks the new finance team is now: Mr Raymond Kerr, Mr James Cochrane, Mr Leo Rossi and Rev'd William S Nixon. We are grateful to Mr Kevin Brown for joining the 'count team' who look after the FWO's counting each week. Mr Brown has replaced Mr Crookshanks (deceased) in this role. Thank you to all involved in looking after the finances, FWO's and Gift Aid Claims. Mr James Cochrane has taken on the role of Assistant-Treasurer.

I extend my thanks to all the Trustees with particular thanks to the Honorary Treasurer, the Glebe Wardens, the Honorary Secretary, the Finance Team, the Select Vestry and alongside that extend sincerest thanks to all the ministry volunteers who continue to made this ministry in the name of Christ a blessing to the Parishioners and wider community of Drumbeg in 2023.

The congregation is growing in faith and number and our continued outreach, care and love for the global and local community is as source of blessing to us all. We seek to make a genuine difference in the lives of those we serve and it is my sense that we can truly assert the words of Christ himself to be true of our work and ministry: 'well done good and faithful servants'.

With thanksgiving to God for his work among us and to all who support the work at Drumbeg Parish. 'Unless the Lord builds the house the labourers labour in vain' (Psalm 127).

William S Nixon (Rev William S Nixon (Select Vestry Chairman)).

BELFAST/Drumbeg/St.Patrick/Down & Dromore/Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102638

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Patrick's Parish Church, Drumbeg

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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.

Lois Kenny.

Name: Lois Kenny FCCA

Allen Fleming C A Limited
161-163 Upper Lisburn Road
Belfast
BT10 OLJ

Date: 13th March 2024

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Accounts

St Patrick's Parish Church,Drumbeg.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

		2022			2021
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
Income & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	158,819			158,819
Charitable activities	3		51,925		51,925
Income from investments	4	6,900	1,762	90	8,751
Total Income		<u>165,719</u>	<u>53,687</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>219,496</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	197,052			197,052
Charitable activities			51,925		51,925
Total Expenditure		<u>197,052</u>	<u>51,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,978</u>
Net gains on trading		(31,334)	1,762	90	(29,482)
Net gains on investments	6	(18,791)	(5,339)		(24,130)
Net Income		<u>(50,125)</u>	<u>(3,577)</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>(53,612)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(50,125)</u>	<u>(3,577)</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>(53,612)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward		833,852	262,011	1,822	1,097,685
Funds carried forward		783,727	258,434	1,912	1,044,073

St Patrick's Parish Church,Drumbeg.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Balance Sheet

	Notes	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	697,316	709,057
Investments	8	296,475	314,007
Total fixed assets		<u>993,791</u>	<u>1,023,064</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and on hand	9	74,954	107,249
Current liabilities			
Creditors due within one year	11	(24,672)	(32,628)
Net Assets		<u>1,044,073</u>	<u>1,097,685</u>
The funds of the charity			
Endowment funds		1,912	1,822
Restricted income funds		258,434	262,011
Unrestricted funds		783,727	833,852
		<u>1,044,073</u>	<u>1,097,685</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Ms N Wadsworth Hon. Secretary

Mr W Miscampbell Hon. Treasurer

16th April 2023

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Notes to the financial statements

2 Donations and legacies

	2022			Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
Freewill offerings	109,196			109,196	110,470
Donations	2,460			2,460	5,041
Harvest appeal	25			25	4,288
Gift aid	24,426			24,426	28,346
Sundry collections	-			-	
Graveyard collections	6,400			6,400	7,290
Use of hall	8,134			8,134	3,275
Conacre & Wayleave Rent	511			511	535
The Coop: Electric Contribution	1,080			1,080	729
Bequests	-			-	12,354
Other Income	6,238			6,238	3,908
Catering	350			350	-
	<u>158,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,819</u>	<u>176,235</u>

3 Charitable Activities

	2022			Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
Funds raised by specific events fo specific purposes		51,925		51,925	54,441

4 Income from Investments

	2022			Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds		
Bank Interest	302			302	66
Dept of Communities income			90	90	90
Church of Ireland Trustees income		723		723	1,436
Representative Church Body: Income		1,039		1,039	730
Income capitalised	6,598			6,598	6,216
	<u>6,900</u>	<u>1,762</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>8,751</u>	<u>8,538</u>

5 Raising funds

	2022				2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Employment costs:					
Wages and salaries	60,492			60,492	58,942
Social security costs	405			405	576
Pension contributions	10,358			10,358	10,573
Other employee costs	1,307			1,307	160
Charitable payments	14,380	51,925		66,305	78,114
Graveyard costs	5,400			5,400	7,794
Diocesan office	12,876			12,876	13,106
Maintenance	37,170			37,170	18,538
Heat and light	17,647			17,647	10,631
Insurance	3,476			3,476	2,876
Rates	859			859	1,790
Postage	515			515	388
Printing & stationery	2,222			2,222	2,089
Cleaning	690			690	636
BT	921			921	989
Petty cash	-			-	-
Sundry expenses	2,749			2,749	2,257
Training	1,194			1,194	-
Accountancy fees	900			900	900
Bank Fees	165			165	128
Organisations	1,634			1,634	307
Catering	1,388			1,388	-
Travel Expenses	240			240	250
Subscriptions	2,153			2,153	866
Depreciation	17,912			17,912	14,229
	<u>197,052</u>	<u>51,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,978</u>	<u>226,138</u>

6 Net Gains(Losses) on Investments

	2022				2021
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Realised gains(losses)and unrealised gains (losses)on making investments to market at the balance sheet date	(18,791)	(5,339)		(24,130)	36,101

7 Fixed Assets

Cost	Buildings	Tractor	Equipment	Total
Balance at 31 December 2021	673,346	4,368	96,891	774,605
Additions 2022			6,171	6,171
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>673,346</u>	<u>4,368</u>	<u>103,062</u>	<u>780,776</u>
Depreciation				
Balance at 31 December 2021	32,314	2,965	30,269	65,548
Charge for the year	6,733	873	10,306	17,912
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>39,047</u>	<u>3,838</u>	<u>40,575</u>	<u>83,460</u>
NBV at 31 December 2022	634,299	530	62,487	697,316

8 Investments

	2022	2021
RCB capital reserve	274,038	288,395
Church of Ireland Trustees	22,437	25,612
	<u>296,475</u>	<u>314,007</u>

The Church receives income as administrative trustees from 2 Investments held by the Department for Communities

9 Cash at bank and on hand

	2022	2021
No 1 account	11,972	31,264
No 2 account	8,087	7,077
No 3 account	22,458	27,471
No 4 account	21,613	30,236
Bus Reserve account	10,524	10,501
Petty cash float	300	700
	<u>74,954</u>	<u>107,249</u>

10 Retained Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
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11 Creditors

	2022	2021
Charity Creditors	21,613	30,236
Allen Fleming	1,000	1,000
BB & GB	2,059	1,392
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Annual report

St Patrick's Parish Church, Drumbeg
Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2022

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2022 was the first complete year of what one might call 'normal Parish activities' after the challenges of Covid19. Covid19 left the Parish with fewer attending the services and activities of the Parish, but throughout 2022 there was a steady increase in attendance to the point that from September 2022 numbers attending had returned to their pre-covid19 numbers. This was greatly helped through an online Parish Survey in July/August of 2022 which sought to engage with the Parishioners to establish more healthy patterns of attendance at all the activities of the Church.

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The ongoing welfare of children and vulnerable adults is looked after by a Safeguarding Trust Panel whose Trustee membership includes: Reverend William Nixon (Chairman), Dr Brian Dean and Mrs Susan Boreham. Dr Rosie Steele has begun her training to be added to this panel and will officially begin in 2023 when Mrs Susan Boreham plans to stand down from this role. The work of the Safeguarding Trust panel is both important and appreciated in the Parish. The Church of Ireland Guidelines for the Welfare of Children is implemented by the Safeguarding Trust Panel. A Safeguarding audit and inspection was carried out by Mr Andrew Brannigan in November 2022, on behalf of the Diocese of Down and Dromore, and I am pleased to say that we passed the audit with no concerns raised. In May 2022 we held a training event in the Parish, hosted by the Diocesan Development Officer, to ensure that all our children's and vulnerable adult volunteers

are kept up to date with the necessary welfare legislation and good practice for the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

The Parish Health and Safety Committee, established in 2017, has continued to be a busy group in the Parish and meets regularly. Updates of their meetings are recorded in the Vestry minutes. The H&S Committee members are: Mrs Susan Boreham, Mr Michael Barnett, Mr Hugh Crookshank and Dr Brian Dean. They deserve sincere thanks for their continued efforts to ensure that all aspects of Church life continue in as safe a manner as possible. Annual PAT Tests of Electrical appliances are carried out and Risk Assessments are both prepared and checked for all the activities in the Parish. The Select Vestry are careful to ensure that safety is high on the agenda. Mr Crookshanks and Mr Barnett have worked tirelessly to ensure that risk assessments are chased up and completed properly. All activities, groups and congregations in the Parish are subject to carrying out biennial fire drills and evacuations.

3. Achievements and Performance:

In 2022 we continued to seek to fulfil our commitments to international and local missional and humanitarian projects. To this end we had the 'Bike it in lent' project which raised just over £10000 which was split between six charities: CMSI, Belfast Homeless Services, Made for More, International Justice Mission, the Larder Foodbank and Retina UK. In relation to this the Harvest Appeal in October 2022 raised just over £5000 for a dedicated hardship fund to be used for those who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. Further to this the Rector's Annual Sit-Out raised a further £7000 for the work of Habitat for Humanity Ireland's 'House to Home' project. This project was the theme of our Advent Service on the second Sunday in Advent 2022.

We continue our relationship with the Larder Foodbank based at St Christopher's Church Belfast which has allowed us to fulfil our objective of caring for people locally. We were pleased to be able to forward £1000 at Christmas to the Larder Foodbank to help with the purchase of Christmas Gifts of Electric and Gas Cards for those who struggle with the costs of heat and light. The ongoing support for Christian Aid world development continued in 2022 through the First Friday Soup Lunches.

Our ministry objectives of making disciples of all ages and teaching the Bible are now facilitated through our new fortnightly Life Groups, where groups of 6-10 people meet in various homes around the Parish for Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship support. There are 56 people attached to a Life Group and we have six well established groups.

Children and young families are very well looked after through JAM (Sunday School) and Messy Church. Our Little Lambs, mother/father and toddler group has grown well in 2022, to the point that we were able to establish it on Sunday mornings during Church, alongside its Thursday morning meetings. The Boys Brigade (BB) Company and the Girls Brigade (GB) companies both continue to grow. James Cochrane completed his BB Officer training in the spring of 2022 and took over as BB Captain in September 2022. Rachel McFarlane took on the role of GB Captain in early 2022. All of our Children's and Youth work is well looked after and overseen by Rachel Pascu who is employed on a part-time basis to look after the ministry to young families. In 2022 Rachel role was extended to include the discipleship and pastoral support of our youth and children's leaders. It was also good to build our ministry team at Drumbeg through a new

volunteer worship leader joining the Church in September 2022. The ministry team was also augmented by a new JAM Sunday School leader taking of the role of Sunday School Leader in September 2022. She is now being assisted by a good team of volunteers. I am pleased to note a much more consistent and increased attendance at all our Youth and Children's activities in the autumn term of 2022. It seems we have made up the lost ground which was brought about through Covid19.

The annual prayer weekend was very well supported on the 3rd weekend of June 2022. The highlights of the weekend were visits from each of our Mission Partner Links, but this year we focussed on the Parish Vision and used the opportunity to launch our new Vision based around the title 'Energize' with the three objectives of: discipleship, leadership and apostleship. We are seeking to seriously make disciples and care for them, to grow leaders for the Church locally and for other congregations and to seek to take the message of the Gospel to as many as we can in the community. To help with our objective of Apostleship we have employed Mr Mark Trimble on an 8 hour a week basis to help us to reach out beyond ourselves. Mark began his post in November 2022, with obvious benefits to the ministry here in Drumbeg, in particular our reaching young men in the 25-40 age-group.

Global Mission relations were strengthened in the Summer of 2022 through a visit from Archbishop Samy Fawzy from Egypt and by our participation in providing the catering for a large mission event in Lady Dixon Park in association with CMS Ireland, SIM and Friends International. We enjoyed the hospitality of Malone Golf Club for a formal dinner event to further highlight our relationship and support for the Archdiocese of Egypt. Some 28 nationalities were represented at the event in Lady Dixon Park and this allowed us the platform to host two further events where we invited refugees and asylum seekers to attend a social event and subsequently a Christmas event at the Parish. Some 200 people attended these events and again there were many nationalities represented. This is part of our desire to work for justice for the poor and marginalised living in our community. Mr Nigel Quinn, our Mission Committee Chair made two trips to the continent of Africa in association with our partners in Egypt and Uganda. These were important due diligence trips which ensure that our support of the various projects in Prison Ministry, Education and Medical care is being used wisely and profitably. Due to covid19 there was no international mission teams in 2022, as we felt it was best to wait until travel restrictions were completely removed and to encourage people to join us on a team in early 2023.

We have continued to financially support the outreach work at Dundrum Community Church both financially and in terms of resourcing the leadership there through my line management of Mr Colin Morris. We are pleased to find that in 2022 this congregation continued to show growth in faith and number. We also continue to help to resource St Andrew's Ballyhalbert through oversight of their Select Vestry, the provision of Parish Lay Readers to Sunday cover for holidays and sickness and through my line-management of Mr Raymond McClure, the lay Parish Worker, on behalf of the Diocese of Down and Dromore. This missional relationship has again proved to be a growing and encouraging congregation.

Pastoral care has continued to be a focus for the Parish. This is delivered through the Rector, the Lay Readers and others who on an ad-hoc basis seek to care for one another in the Parish.

4. Chairman's Financial Review:

As with many in the Faith and Charity sector there has been a slow-down in the growth of our income from FWO's and Standing Orders, which we suspect is a result of the soaring costs of energy and the cost of living crisis biting the UK and Ireland. Thankfully our income from FWO's and Standing Orders held its own in 2022. To help with growing our income we have taken the decision that in future the Harvest Appeal will be for general Church funds. An increase in the number of Standing Orders has afforded the treasurer a stronger platform from which to estimate giving and thus cashflow projections are much easier to make. Our new Treasurer, Mr William Miscampbell, has worked hard to provide the Select Vestry with monthly financial reports accompanied by all the necessary information to allow them as Trustees to keep abreast of the finances. All Select Vestry (Trustees Meetings) in 2022 were able to take place in-person.

We had considerable expenditure in 2022 on Glebe property, Due to a Health and Safety risk assessment it was discovered that the Graveyard Wall immediately behind the hall needed extensive work carried out. This cost the Parish in the region of £10000, but was necessary expenditure to maintain a safe glebe. It was also decided that the Church Halls needed the added protection of Closed-Circuit Security Cameras, so after much discussion the work went ahead and the security cameras were installed at the hall. Alongside this we took the decision to install a security alarm system at the Church to reduce the risk of being robbed. On top of this we installed a high visibility video display television at the Church Hall to help us to advertise our activities and services better. These upgrades were expensive but necessary glebe expenditure and are already proving their work.

The result of our financial prudence and generosity, for which I am kindly thankful to our Parishioners, is a sustainable, growing, lively and fruitful ministry at Drumbeg. It is reasonably believed that adequate funds are held in reserves for the ongoing ministry objectives in future periods, with these being augmented by a strong gift-aid claim in late 2022. The Treasurer is supported in his endeavours by a team of two, Mr Hugh Crookshanks and Mr Gordon Poots who carry the responsibility for creating and maintaining a gift-aid database.

I extend my thanks to all the Trustees with particular thanks to the Honorary Treasurer, the Glebe Wardens, the Honorary Secretary, the Finance Team, the Select Vestry and alongside that extend sincerest thanks to all the ministry volunteers who continue to made this ministry in the name of Christ a blessing to the Parishioners and wider community of Drumbeg in 2022.

The congregation is growing in faith and number and our continued outreach, care and love for the global and local community is as source of blessing to us all. We seek to make a genuine difference in the lives of those we serve and it is my sense that we can truly assert the words of Christ himself to be true of our work and ministry: 'well done good and faithful servants'.

With thanksgiving to God for his work among us and to all who support the work at Drumbeg Parish. Psalm 107:1 'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is eternal'.

William S Nixon

Rev William S Nixon (Select Vestry Chairman).

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of St Patrick's Parish Church, Drumbeg

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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.

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