

Newtownabbey Mencap (102823) Trustee's Annual Report -

During the year 1st March 2024 - 28th Feb 2025 there were 8 committee meetings, AGM was held at Drumross on 27th October 2025. The officers were re-elected to their posts as follows; Chairman - Patrick Elliott, Vice Chairman - Gary Grattan, Secretary - Nigi Rainey, Treasurer - Jimmy Elliott & Minutes Secretary - Susan Byrne.

I confirm that all the trustees have complied with their duty under charity law to have regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Nigi Rainey, 20th December 2025

Newtownabbey MENCAP: Chairman's Report 2025

It has been a quiet year for Newtownabbey Mencap. Although we have not engaged in any fundraising activities, we still have a healthy reserve of funds in the bank, £36,412.01 on 28th February 2025.

This year we gave Hill Croft School £2500 for their Christmas Gift Fund, we gave £1180 to the Service Users at Drumross, NewWay and the Martin Residential Trust and several individuals living in the community. Each received a Christmas card containing a £10 note.

We supported the shadows discos with a donation of £2000. The discos are very popular and well attended and are social highlights of the year for many of the Learning Disability community in Newtownabbey and further afield.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Beck for graciously doing our accounts free of charge, and thanks to the management at Drumross for facilitating our meetings here. It's nice to be back after the long Covid break.

And finally, thanks to our outgoing committee;

Gary Grattan our Vice Chairman

Nigi Rainey our Secretary

Susan Byrne our Minutes Secretary

Jimmy Elliott our Treasurer

Dorothy & Brian Leonard, Margaret Field & Marie Todd

We hope to see Marie again soon and send our best wishes to her husband Harry, hoping that he makes a good recovery from his recent health setback.

The Newtownabbey Mencap committee for 2023 – 2024 now stand down.

Patrick Elliot, 21st October 2025