

**AUTISM SUPPORT
KILKEEL**

Statement of Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Registered Office: 204 Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel, Co Down. BT34 4QA
Charity No: NIC102894

Accounts for the year ended December 31st 2023

Receipts & Payment Account

	Unrestricted Funds To nearest £	Restricted Funds To nearest £	Total Funds To nearest £
Receipts			
Donations	7,097	-	7,097
Grants	24,620		24,620
Fundraising Appeals	5,611	-	5,611
Parents Contribution to Activities	9,877	-	9,877
HMRC VAT	3,610		3,610
HMRC Gift Aid	3,818		3,818
Total Receipts	54,633		54,633

Payments

Admin & General	558	-	558
Donations	225		225
Cost of Charitable Activities	34,336	-	34,336
Heat & Lighting	765		765
Bank Fee	302	-	302
Equipment Purchased	687		687
Public Events	960		960
Premises Expenses	60		60
Sub Total	37,893		37,893

Assets and Investment Purchases

	-	-	-
Sub Total	-		-
Total Payments	37,893		37,893

Cash funds this year end	51,830	51,830
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds To nearest £	Restricted Funds To nearest £	Endowment Funds To nearest £
Cash Assets			
First Trust Current Account	51,830		-
Total cash funds	51,830		-

Other Assets

The Listening Program	920		
Sensory Equipment (Estimated value)	1,000		
Weevenet Tracking Devices	623		

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Notes to the Accounts

Trustees' Expenses

No expenses were paid to any of the Trustees during the year except to reimburse them for purchases made on behalf of the group.

Trustees' Indemnity Insurance

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part.

Accounting Policies

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities have been prepared and presented for the year ended December 2016.

Bank charges are included in the Admin & General Category

All Income, including grants and investment income is recorded when received.

All Expenditure is recorded when paid.

Independent Scrutiny

In the year ended December 2023 gross income did exceed £25,000 and therefore, in accordance with the sections 144 & 145 of the Charities Act 2011 an audit by an independent examination is required and a scrutiny requirement is imposed by the Group governing document.

Cheques not cleared at bank as of 31st December 2023

As of 31st December 2023, there were no cheques issued by the group which had not cleared the bank.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Executive Committee on May 15th 2023 and signed on their behalf.



Olive Donnan
Chairperson

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name

Autism Support Kilkeel which is also known as ASK about Autism.

Charity Number

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland, NIC102894

Principal Address

204 Carrigenagh Road
Kilkeel
Co Down
BT34 4QA

Charity trustees as of December 31st 2023

Mrs Olive Donnan	Chairperson
Mrs Irene McHugh	Secretary
Mrs Shauna McEntee	Treasurer
Mrs Ashling Fitzmaurice	Deputy Chair
Mrs Pam Hazley	Public Relations Office
Miss Pauline Kearney	Events Co Ordinator
Mrs Sarah O'Hare	Therapies Co Ordinator

Advisors

Banking	First Trust Bank 30 Greencastle Street Kilkeel Co Down BT34 4BH
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Governing Document and Constitution

The group is an unincorporated association and is governed by a constitution adopted January 2015 and last amended October 2015.

The group is run entirely by its members'. As of December 31st, 2023, the group had a membership of 111.

Trustee Selection and Management

The group is managed by an Executive Committee which consists of all the appointed trustees.

The Executive Committee meets typically once per month; in the year to December 31st, 2023 10 formal meeting took place. Attendance at these meeting, shown as meeting attended/meetings eligible to attend was as follows: M Shiels (2/10), B Cousins (2/10), O Donnan (10/10), Irene Mc Hugh (9/10) P Hazley (5/10), Sarah O'Hare (5/10), P Kearney (8/10), C Spiers (1/10), Shauna McEntee (8/10) and A Fitzmaurice (2/10).

At each meeting the Treasurer presents the latest accounts and these are reviewed against budgets and forecasts; spending is discussed and approved. Officers may authorise some spending, between meetings, within set limits but must ensure such spending is reported at the next meeting.

The meetings also offer a forum to review recent activities within our group and to plan forthcoming events. In addition, officers report on their areas of responsibility. *Further ad hoc meetings are called if required*, for example to plan and manage special events or projects.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are approved by the trustees and then presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects

The object of the group as set out in our Constitution is to provide support for people living with or suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families/carers in the Newry & Mourne area. This involves assisting them to achieve their maximum potential for community involvement, social inclusion and the opportunity to access employment and other facilities enjoyed by other non-Autistic members of the community.

The group aims to raise awareness of autism and to educate the general public, relevant professionals and organisations in the private, voluntary and statutory sectors.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of Autism Support Kilkeel confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the group in the year to December 31st 2023

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In evaluating public benefit, the trustees' note that membership of the group is open to all who live with autism or suspected of have autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families/carers.

Summary of main Activities

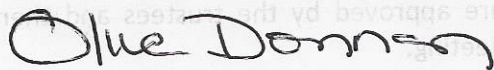
The core activities of the group are:

- Providing support to parents, siblings and children with Autism
- Offering therapies which have a positive impact on children with Autism
- Developing and maintaining the ASK Centre
- Offering support and advice to the public on matters related to Autism

Autism Support Kilkeel seeks to identify the most-needed services that reach the largest number of families and to demonstrate how these can be provided to a measurable standard of excellence. The charity aims to establish a model for the provision of services that can be delivered either as a direct activity of the charity or through the action of other organisations.

Our philosophy is to offer access to all regardless of personal circumstances, race, gender, ability, or faith. The group operates mainly in the Newry and Mourne Area however visitors from further afield are always welcome. The monthly meetings are open to all.

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