

**AUTISM SUPPORT  
KILKEEL**

## Statement of Accounts

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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

## Accounts for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

### Receipts & Payment Account

	Unrestricted Funds To nearest £	Restricted Funds To nearest £	Total Funds To nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations	10,340		10,340
Grants	10,420		10,420
Fundraising Appeals	3,715		3,715
Parents Contribution to Activities	8,454		8,454
Parents Contribution to Therapies	10,458		10,458
Carlingford Twilight Cruise Refund	498		498
HMRC VAT	5,236		5,236
HMRC Gift Aid	5,476		5,476
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>54,597</b>		<b>54,597</b>

<b>Payments</b>		
Admin & General	2,327	2,327
Donations	1,149	1,149
Cost of Charitable Activities	42,519	42,519
Heat & Lighting	897	897
Bank Fees	281	281
Public Liability Insurance	157	157
Public Events -Relaxed Screenings	600	600
Infinity Corporate Discount Scheme	348	348
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>48,278</b>	<b>48,278</b>

### Assets and Investment Purchases

<b>Sub Total</b>	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>48,278</b>	<b>48,278</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>58,148</b>	<b>58,148</b>

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted Funds To nearest £	Restricted Funds To nearest £	Endowment Funds To nearest £
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
First Trust Current Account	58,148		-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>58,148</b>		-
<b>Other Assets</b>			
The Listening Program	920		
Sensory Equipment (Estimated value)	1,000		
Weeenet Tracking Devices	623		

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



## 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

In accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, the charity has prepared receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities, as gross income for the financial year ended December 2024 did not exceed £250,000.

Bank charges are recorded separately in the accounts and are not included under 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 2024 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, 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 October 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 and signed on their behalf.



Olive Donnan  
Chairperson

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



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

Mrs Olive Donnan	Chairperson
Mrs Irene Mc Hugh	Secretary
Mrs Shauna McEntee	Treasurer
Mrs Clare Murney Davis	Deputy Chair
Mrs Lorraine Fegan	Public Relations Office
Mrs Elizabeth McKeever	Training Officer
Pauline Kearney	Events Co Ordinator
Mary Campbell	
Tara Collins	
Sarah O'Hare	Therapies Co Ordinator

### Advisors

Banking	First Trust Bank 30 Greencastle Street Kilkeel Co Down BT34 4BH
---------	---

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



### **Governing Document and Constitution**

The group is an unincorporated association and is governed by a constitution adopted January 2015 and last amended October 2024.

The group is run entirely by its members'. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the group had a membership of 124.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 12 formal meeting took place. Attendance at these meeting, shown as meeting attended/meetings eligible to attend was as follows: O Donnan (12/12), C Davis (10/12), Irene Mc Hugh (12/12), S O'Hare (5/12), P Kearney (11/12), S McEntee (11/12), E McKeever (6/12), T Collins (4/12), M Campbell (6/12) and L Fegan (2/12).

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 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

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



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

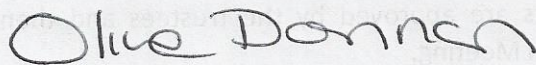
The core activities of the group are:

- 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.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the Executive Committee on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 and signed on their behalf



Olive Donnan  
Chairperson