

Craigavon Area Talking Newspaper Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102916

Details

Known as	CATNA
Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	57 Kernan Avenue Portadown County Armagh BT63 5TB BT63 5TB
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Website	www.atnni.org.uk/craigavon

Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Association, is to provide information elicited from the local newspapers, to people who have a visual impairment, who live primarily in the Greater Craigavon area, and do this by the free provision of regular recordings of the Portadown Times and Lurgan Mail, together with the discretionary provision of equipment to enable the recordings to be heard. The purpose of the said recordings is to inform Listeners of local events and opportunities in order that they might have the opportunity to participate.

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Cultural,Disability,Human rights/equality,Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Older people,Sensory disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£4,080	£1,375	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Gribben		
Hazel Semple		
Ken Cardwell		
Mrs Margaret Davidson		
Patricia Mcguinness		
William Davidson		

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Accounts for the Financial Year – 01/03/2024 – 28/02/2025

Santander Savings Account 03756289

Balance	£ 766.40		
Balance @ 01/03/2023	£ 456.84	Transfers to C/A	£ 700.00
Transfers from C/A	£1000.00	Balance	£ 766.40
Annual Interest	£ 9.56		
Total	£1466.40	Total	£ 1466.40

Santander Current Account- 98225188

Balance @ 01/03/2024	£ 37.18	Transfer from S/A	£1000.00
Transfers from S/A	£ 700.00	Newspapers	£ 354.40
Macan Trust	£1200.00	TNF Membership	£ 42.00
Donations	£1080.00	ATTNI Membership	£ 20.00
Grant – John Moore Foundation	£1500.00	ATTNI Lunch	£ 25.00
ABC Council	£ 180.00	Armagh Rd Pres Ch	£ 250.00
Glenavon Collection	£ 300.60	Insurance	£ 251.64
		Stationery	£ 247.67
		Publicity	£ 19.40
		Clock/Timer	£ 22.98
		Disks (2) & USB	£ 37.97
		Keybox	£ 30.00
		Gift	£ 30.00
		Miscellaneous	£ 17.71
		Balance	£2649.01
Total	£4997.78		£4997.78

I can confirm that the only assets held by the Association are the two Bank Accounts.
We have no liabilities.

Patricia McGuinness

 Secretary

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Name: David Pepper

Address: 28 Clanbrassil Gardens, Portadown, BT63 5YD

Signature of Independent Examiner: 

Date: 25th March 2025

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Balance @ 01/03/2023	£1,129.76	Transfer to C/A	£1100.00
Macan Trust	£1000.00	Transfer to C/A	£ 500.00
Donation	£ 20.00	Transfer to C/A	£ 100.00
Annual Interest	£ 7.08		
Total	£2156.84	Total	£1700.00
Balance	£ 456.84		

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Balance @ 01/03/2023	£ 896.33	P McG – Papers	£ 323.40
Transfers from Savings Account	£1700.00	TNF Membership	£ 42.00
Contribution from Santander	£ 75.00	Auditor	£ 50.00
		ATTNI Membership	£ 20.00
		New Equipment	£1457.45
		Armagh Rd Pres. Ch.	£ 250.00
		Insurance	£ 241.15
		Postage	£ 11.94
		Heater	£ 30.00
		Radiator	£ 39.00
		Taxi to Conference	£ 6.00
		Keybox	£ 30.00
		Cards	£ 4.75
		Gifts (Flowers)	£ 91.50
		Miscellaneous	£ 36.96
Total	£ 2671.33	Total	£2634.15

Balance

£ 37.18



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Chairman's Annual Report 2023-24

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3 Committee

The current Committee comprises: William Davidson, Interim Chairman; Hazel Semple Interim Vice Chairman; Patricia McGuinness, Secretary; Ken Cardwell Interim Treasurer, Andrew Gribben, IT Manager, Margaret Davidson, Listener Representative and Jim Smart, Volunteer Representatives.

4 Volunteers

There are currently 23 Volunteers active with the Association news teams and 8 with Magazine Week 3.

2 Volunteers have left. Bob resigned after many years of loyal support as Team Leader in News team 2. Sarah Brown left when she took a job in the evening however her younger brother replaced her.

We have one Volunteer who is working on her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Patricia, William and Ken continue to cover for absent colleagues.

There is a need for Readers on Teams 2 and 3. Team 3 were unable to meet early enough to edit and Ken and Patricia cover this.

5 Listeners

We currently have 34 Listeners. Some Listeners are very slow at returning their wallets and, as a result, can go several weeks without getting a recording.

6. Equipment

The new system was put in place last April. After a few teething problems the system seems to be working with the quality of the recordings much improved.

7. Other Organisations

We continue to receive one or two referrals from Cherrytrees each year.

8. Media

Andrew continues to upload our recordings each week.

There are currently 10 Talking Newspapers operating in Northern Ireland with one uploading directly to British Wireless for The Blind website. The ten are: Ards, Bangor, Coleraine, Downpatrick, Fermanagh, Mid Antrim, Mid Ulster, Newry, Strabane and Craigavon.

9. Thanks

My thanks to the Presbyterian Church for the continued use of the Studio, to Mackles for collecting the papers for us. A particular thanks to the Trustees of the Macan Trust who have been very generous to us for many years. I also wish to thank the many Volunteers who are unstinting in their support, to the Committee who also help out when numbers are low and to our Listeners who, like many of our Volunteers have been with us since the start.

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William Davidson June 2024

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**Registered with Charity Commission NI as:
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Independent examiner's statement

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Name: Relevant professional qualification or body:

Name: David Pepper

Address: 28 Clanbrassil Gardens, Portadown, BT63 5YD

Signature of Independent Examiner:

Date: 31st May 2024

Apart from the two bank Accounts, this Charity has no other assets or Liabilities

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Interest	£ 2.37
Balance @ 28/02/2023	<u>£1,129.76</u>

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Macan Trust 2022	£ 1,000.00	TNF Membership (#183)	£ 42.00
		Auditor (#184)	£ 50.00
		P. McG – Papers (#185)	£ 82.00
		ATNNI Membership (#186)	£ 20.00
		ATNNI AGM Lunch (#186)	£ 10.00
		Insurance (#187)	£ 229.66
		P. McG – Paper (#188)	£ 82.19
		P. McG – Papers (#189)	£ 66.00
		P. McG – Papers (#190)	£ 66.00

Cash in Bank @ 28/02/2023 £ 896.33

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5 Volunteers have left. Two died: one in December and one in February and three resigned. The Committee was represented at Al's funeral. Notes of thanks were sent to each retiree and a letter of condolence to the family of Paul Teggart.

We have one new Volunteer who is working on her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Patricia, William and Ken continue to cover for absent colleagues.

There is a need for Editors for Teams 1 (Thursday at 2pm (time negotiable)) and copiers for Teams 1 and 3 (Friday at 9am - times also negotiable but must be morning). Team 3 have agreed to meet at 7pm to edit for their team. We could use more readers. At least one more for Teams 1, 2 and 3.

5 Listeners

We currently have 38 Listeners. Younger people are not joining as they get their news from other sources. Recent Listeners have taken the recording for a few weeks then stopped.

6. Equipment

We are replacing our recording equipment which is now quite old and causing problems. The new system should be available in the next week or so complete with user guide.

7. Other Organisations

We continue to receive one or two referrals from Cherrytrees each year. Cherrytrees have a number of items to make life easier for the visually impaired. This will now be advertised from time to time on our recordings.

8. Media

Andrew continues to upload our recordings each week.

We have joined NICVA.

Banbridge, Lisburn and Armagh TNs have now closed.

This leaves 10: Ards, Bangor, Coleraine, Downpatrick, Fermanagh, Mid Antrim, Mid Ulster, Newry, Strabane and Craigavon.

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Date: 18.11.2023